

Vacuum cleaners

An update on our Best Buys

BEST BUYS

We've found just two Best Buys from the 11 new vacuum cleaners we've tested – yet another two great cylinders from top-spot stalwart Miele.

The previous S571 proved a popular Best Buy, and the updated version from **Miele (1)** – with improved bags and more power – is a new Best Buy. It's an excellent cleaner on any surface, quiet and easy to use. The best places to buy it are Comet, Currys and Miller Brothers, where it's £130.

Our second new Best Buy **Miele (5)** is lighter and slightly smaller than the other Best Buys, so it's a good choice for small flats. And Miele plans to introduce a modified nozzle, which it claims will mean even better cleaning results. You can buy it for £130 from Comet and Miller Brothers.

Best Buy cylinders from our old tests are another **Miele (2)**, £236 from online retailers only, and two Boschs. The higher scoring **Bosch (3)** is available in independents for £119; the second **Bosch (4)** is fantastic value at just £100 from Miller Brothers.

Uprights aren't as effective as cylinders, but the upright **Bosch (13)**, £105 from online retailers only, is a better choice than the others. The Dysons (11 and 12), £200 and £260 respectively from Comet, are better at cleaning – but, unfortunately, Dyson cleaners need repairing more often than other brands so neither is a Best Buy.



WHICH? EXTRA

For full details of 50 models, including those from previous tests, go to www.which.co.uk/vacuumcleaners. There's more detail on all our Best Buys, and information about four more Don't Buys that we recommend you avoid.

TABLE NOTES

We tested models from popular ranges.

Specification

Reach Distance from the plug to cleaning head.

KEY

★	☆	○	◐	●
Best				Worst
■	■	■	■	■
Best Buy				Don't Buy

SCORE

This ignores price. Poor cleaning results cap the score:
 Cleaning 55%
 Ease of use 35%
 Noise/energy use 10%

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Vacuum cleaners	Specification					Cleaning				Convenience		Score
	Price (£)	Weight (kg)	Reach (m)	Capacity (litres)	Bagless	Carpet	Laminate floors	Wood floors	Pet hair	Ease of use	Noise	(%)
CYLINDERS												
1 Miele S571	130	7.8	9.8	2.4		☆	★	★	○	☆	☆	70
2 Miele Xtra Power 2300	236	9.0	9.9	2.7		☆	★	★	○	☆	☆	69
3 Bosch BSG 82000GB Ergomaxx	119	7.5	9.4	3.2		☆	○	★	◐	☆	○	67
4 Bosch BSG 71810 GB Formula	100	6.9	10.2	2.6		○	★	★	○	☆	☆	64
5 Miele S4210	130	6.6	8.8	2.3		☆	★	★	○	★	☆	61
6 Dyson DC08 TW Animal	239	9.6	9.6	2.2	✓	○	★	★	◐	☆	◐	57
7 Panasonic MC-E8013	90	7.7	9.6	3.7	✓	○	★	★	●	○	◐	39
8 Electrolux Ergobox ZE2410	90	7.7	9	1.5	✓	◐	☆	★	●	☆	◐	36
9 Vax Vivalty plus V-0072	80	8.2	8.7	3		●	○	☆	●	☆	◐	29
10 Panasonic MC-E7301	30	5.7	7.7	2		●	☆	○	●	☆	●	19
UPRIGHTS												
11 Dyson DC07 Animal	200	9.2	8.8	3.4	✓	★	★	★	☆	☆	●	69
12 Dyson DC14 All Floors	260	8.3	10	2.8	✓	★	★	★	○	○	●	65
13 Bosch Extraxx 17 BUC 11700	105	8.8	8.4	4.7	✓	○	☆	★	○	○	●	56
14 Bissell Lift-off TM /3750-E	180	10.3	9.6	3.7	✓	○	☆	◐	☆	☆	◐	49
15 Dirt Devil DD 9602	80	9.2	11.2	3.5	✓	◐	☆	◐	●	☆	◐	20
16 Electrolux Z 5500	90	7.8	7.6	2.7	✓	◐	○	●	☆	○	●	19