

Overview

Vacuums that top our Ratings did well in our carpet, bare-floor, and airflow tests. But we've kept Hoover uprights and Electrolux canisters off our list of top picks because a number of brands were more reliable in our survey. Among those brands we focus below on models that offer special strengths, value, or both.

✓ CR Best Buy

These deliver the best blend of performance and price. All are recommended.

✓ Recommended

These models are fine performers and stand out for the reasons below.

Best uprights for most:

A2 Kenmore \$260 **CR Best Buy**

A3 Miele \$550

A10 Eureka \$170

A11 Sebo \$800

All have bags. **A2** beats others, including the lower-priced **A10**, for overall value. **A3** offers the quieter running of the other Miele vacs with higher performance for a bit less money. Paying even more for **A11** buys one of the lightest upright vacuums.

If you go bagless:

B2 LG \$550

B4 LG \$400

B7 Bissell \$100 **CR Best Buy**

B8 Dirt Devil \$50 **CR Best Buy**

All are fine choices for pet owners. The LG models compress what they pick up; choose **B2** for its carpet cleaning and **B4** for its blend of quieter running and relatively easy handling. Got stairs? Choose **B7** or **B8**; they're easy to carry and low in price.

Best canisters for most:

C1 Kenmore \$500

C2 Kenmore \$300

C4 Hoover \$300

C5 Panasonic \$210

All have bags. **C1** has the best blend of cleaning and quietness. Among the \$300 models, pick **C2** for pet hair and **C4** for its better tool airflow, a plus for cleaning upholstery. **C5** trades pet-hair pickup for a low price.

If you go bagless:

D1 Hoover \$365 **CR Best Buy**

Impressive carpet cleaning put this model above all other bagless canisters. It's also tops for pet hair. But as with other bagless vacs, emptying its canister is a dusty chore.

Ratings Uprights

A2 Kenmore



B2 LG



In performance order, within types. (Types designated A and B.)

Recommendation	Rank	Brand & model	Price	Overall score	Weight (lb.)	Test results							Bag costs
						Carpet	Bare floors	Tool airflow	Noise	Emissions	Handling	Pet hair	
		Similar models, in small type, are comparable to tested model.											
				0	100								
				P	F	G	V	G	L	E			

A BAGGED UPRIGHTS These tend to be better for carpets and are easier to store.

	1	Hoover WindTunnel Anniversary Edition U6485-900 UH50000 [1]	\$230	73	21	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	NA	\$6
✓	2	Kenmore Intuition 31100	260	72	21	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	\$2 5
✓	3	Miele S 7210 Twist	550	72	22	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	NA	5
	4	Hoover Tempo Widepath U5140-900 [2]	80	71	16	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	2	NA
✓	5	Panasonic MC-UG775	500	71	21	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	NA	8
	6	Hoover Platinum Bagged UH30010COM [2]	400	70	13	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	NA	5
✓	7	Kenmore Intuition 31810	350	69	21	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	2	5
✓	8	Miele S 7580 Bolero Swing, Tango	800	69	22	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	NA	5
✓	9	Miele S 7280 Jazz Calypso, Salsa	650	68	22	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	NA	5
✓	10	Eureka Boss Smart Vac 4870 []	170	67	20	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	2	NA
✓	11	Sebo Felix Premium	800	66	16	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	2	NA
	12	Panasonic MC-UG693	200	62	18	○	●	●	○	●	○	○	NA	2
	13	Riccar Supralite RSL4 Simplicity Freedom F3600 [2]	470	59	9	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	NA	3
	14	Riccar Supralite RSL3 Simplicity Freedom F3500 [2]	350	59	9	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	NA	3
	15	Riccar Brilliance Premium Simplicity Synchrony Premium	900	59	20	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	NA	8
	16	Oreck Edge U8000 [2]	800	57	15	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	NA	3
	17	Oreck XL Platinum Power Team [2]	600	53	11	○	●	●	○	●	○	○	3	4
	18	Oreck XL Platinum Pilot [2]	600	53	12	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	3	4
	19	Kenmore Progressive Glide 30100	230	51	13	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	4	NA
	20	Lindhaus Diamante 380	930	49	19	○	●	●	○	●	○	○	4	NA
	21	Dirt Devil Featherlite Bagged M085590 [2]	50	49	14	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	2	4
	22	Sebo Automatic X5 [2]	820	47	19	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	2	NA
	23	Aerus FreshEra [2]	500	44	11	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	NA	4
	24	Royal Eminence MRY9750	600	43	20	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	1	3
	25	Cirrus Performance Pet CR99	500	40	22	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	NA	1
	26	Koblenz U610 [2]	300	30	19	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	2	NA

B BAGLESS UPRIGHTS These trade a bag for a bin but are messier to empty.

	1	Hoover WindTunnel T-Series Rewind Bagless UH70120 UH70110 [2]	130	69	18	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	-	-
✓	2	LG Kompressor Total Care LuV 400T	550	67	22	●	●	○	○	●	○	○	-	-
✓	3	Dyson DC28 Animal	600	67	21	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
✓	4	LG LuV300	400	65	22	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
	5	Hoover Platinum Bagless UH70015	400	65	22	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
✓	6	LG LuV200	300	64	23	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
✓	7	Bissell CleanView Helix 21K3 21K3-2 (Low's), 21K3-5 (B's) [2]	100	64	16	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
✓	8	Dirt Devil Featherlite Bagless M085845 (Target) [2]	50	63	13	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
	9	Hoover WindTunnel Pet Rewind UH70210	160	61	19	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
	10	Hoover WindTunnel T-Series Purely Clean UH70200	140	61	19	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
	11	Panasonic AeroBlast MC-UL975	500	60	22	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-	-
	12	Bissell Momentum 82G71 [2]	100	60	18	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	-	-