

When you use links on our website, we may earn a fee.

[Home](#) / [360 Reviews](#) / [Home Goods](#)

8 Best Handheld Vacuums of 2024

By [Kayla Randolph](#)



Reviewed by [Marlo Jappen Porto](#)

Updated: March 18, 2024



Save

Whether you're looking for an on-the-go cleaning solution or a tool to tackle small messes in your home, this list of the best handheld vacuums can offer a model that suits your needs. Chief Hygiene Officer Jennifer Rodriguez of Pro Housekeepers states handheld vacuums are best suited to cleaning furniture, tight spaces, and car interiors. Attachments like brush heads and crevice tools can help you in those situations.

From pet lovers to those with allergies, there is a variety of powerful and practical options available with useful attachments, rechargeable batteries, and more. On this list, the prices range roughly from \$30 to \$300 at the time of our data collection.

Table of Contents

[Best Handheld Vacuums](#)

[Things To Consider When Buying](#)

[How We Chose](#)

[More +](#)

Our Top Picks

Best Overall: [Hoover ONEPWR Cordless Handheld Vacuum](#) »

[Jump to Review](#) ↓

Best Budget: [Black + Decker Dustbuster Cordless Lithium-Ion 2Ah Hand Vacuum](#) »

[Jump to Review](#) ↓

Best for Pet Owners: [Bissell Pet Hair Eraser Cordless Pet Vacuum »](#)

[Jump to Review ↓](#)

Best for Allergies: [Bissell CleanView Deluxe Corded Hand Vacuum »](#)

[Jump to Review ↓](#)

Best for Cars: [Worx 20V Power Share Cordless Cube Vac Compact Vacuum »](#)

[Jump to Review ↓](#)

Best for Stairs: [VacLife Vac Standard Handheld Vacuum »](#)

[Jump to Review ↓](#)

Best for Hard Floors: [Shark Pet Perfect SV75Z Vacuum Cleaner »](#)

[Jump to Review ↓](#)

Best for Upholstery: [Dyson Humdinger Handheld Vacuum »](#)

[Jump to Review ↓](#)

Best Overall

Hoover ONEPWR Cordless Handheld Vacuum »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Multifunctional battery
- ✓ Clear dustbin
- ✓ Washable filter

CONS:

- ✗ Pricey
- ✗ Must remove filter to empty dustbin

[Buy from Walmart](#)

Receiving positive professional reviews, the Hoover ONEPWR Cordless Handheld Vacuum is our top pick. For \$99.99, the vacuum comes with a crevice tool that you can store on the vacuum itself, a Hoover ONEPWR battery, and a corded charging dock for the battery. The included battery is compatible with other Hoover ONEPWR products like the wet-dry vacuum and spot cleaner. The battery detaches from the vacuum and sits in the corded charging dock, which plugs into a regular household outlet. You'll get 14 minutes of run time after 3.5 hours of charging. Additional batteries and chargers are available for purchase.

Kayla Randolph, associate editor for 360 Reviews and author of this article, owns this vacuum and swears by its crevice tool. She says it's great for getting cobwebs in corners and the clumps of her dog's fur that build up

against the baseboards on her hardwood floors and tile. However, she finds it doesn't work as well on upholstery. And, while Hoover states the vacuum weighs 3 pounds, she notices it to be a bit heavier when the battery is attached.

On the plus side, it's easy to see when the vacuum needs to be emptied because of its clear dustbin, though you will have to remove the filter each time you need to empty it. This cloth filter is washable and replacements cost \$13.99 on the company site.

The Hoover ONEPWR Cordless Handheld Vacuum ships for free and you can return it for a refund within 30 days of purchase. After that, refunds will only be issued if Hoover determines it was responsible for a defect. The battery and the vacuum are covered by a three-year warranty against workmanship and material defects.

Specs

Price:	\$99.99
Battery Life:	14 minutes
Charge Time:	3.5 hours
Filter:	Washable cloth filter

EXPAND LIST ▾

[Buy From Walmart »](#)

Best Budget

Black + Decker Dustbuster Cordless Lithium-Io...

**PROS:**

- ✓ Budget-friendly
- ✓ Clear dustbin
- ✓ Washable filter

CONS:

- ✗ Battery not included
- ✗ Long charge time
- ✗ Charger requires assembly

[Buy from Amazon](#)

Coming in at less than \$30, the Black + Decker Dustbuster Cordless Lithium-Ion 2Ah Hand Vacuum is our budget pick. The vacuum is not only lightweight at 1.4 pounds but comes with two attachments – a crevice tool and an upholstery brush – to tackle hardwood, tile, carpet, and furniture. The cloth filter is washable for convenience and doesn't need to be replaced for nine months, at which point you can purchase another for around \$5 from retailers like Amazon and Lowe's. The dustbin is clear so you can easily see when it needs to be emptied.

If you purchase this handheld vacuum from the manufacturer, it doesn't come with the lithium-ion battery, though it does if you purchase it from Amazon. Before using the vacuum for the first time, it needs to be charged for 10 hours. For subsequent use, nine hours of charging will result in 12 to

15 minutes of continuous use. The wall-mounted charge station will require assembly and five screws – which aren’t included – to secure the bracket to the wall.

Black + Decker offers free returns on this vacuum and a two-year limited warranty starting from the date of purchase as long as it was used in the home rather than for commercial purposes. The warranty covers manufacturing and workmanship defects but doesn’t include damage from accidents or attempted repairs by an unauthorized repair service. Additionally, the warranty doesn’t apply to the attachments.

Specs

Price:	\$29.99
Battery Life:	12-15 minutes
Charge Time:	9-10 hours
Filter:	Washable cloth filter

EXPAND LIST ▾

[Buy From Amazon »](#)

Best for Pet Owners

Bissell Pet Hair Eraser Cordless Pet Vacuum »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Washable filter
- ✓ Comes with three attachments
- ✓ Motorized brush head to remove pet hair

CONS:

- ✗ Must remove filter to empty dustbin
- ✗ No docking station

[Buy from Bissell](#)

If you're locked in an eternal battle with pet hair, the Bissell Pet Hair Eraser Cordless Pet Vacuum might make a good ally. This 3-pound handheld vacuum comes with three pet-specific attachments for different surfaces: a motorized brush for pet hair stuck in carpets, a crevice tool for corners and tight spots, and a felt upholstery tool for furniture and other soft surfaces like pet beds and pillows. It's priced at \$69.99 and features a 23.6-ounce dustbin and both a washable cloth filter and a mesh filter frame that can be replaced for \$15.08 and \$5.74, respectively.

This vacuum runs on a single lithium-ion battery and requires five hours of charging for 15 minutes of continual use. It charges with a simple adapter plug that connects the vacuum to a wall outlet, meaning it doesn't have a

docking station like some other handheld vacuums. This also means there is no built-in storage area for the attachments, so you'll have to find somewhere else to store them.

The price of the Bissell Pet Hair Eraser Cordless Pet Vacuum qualifies for free shipping from Bissell and the vacuum has a 30-day return policy. If you return it with all of the included parts and the manual in its original packaging, you'll receive a refund (minus the \$4.95 you'll have to pay for return shipping) and Bissell will pick it up from your home at a scheduled time. The vacuum also comes with a one-year warranty that covers the repair or replacement of your product within that time frame if it has a defective or malfunctioning part.

Specs

Price:	\$69.99
Battery Life:	15 minutes
Charge Time:	5 hours
Filter:	Washable cloth filter and washable mesh filter frame

EXPAND LIST ▾

[Buy From Bissell »](#)

Best for Allergies

Bissell CleanView Deluxe Corded Hand Vacuu...

**PROS:**

- ✓ Clear dustbin
- ✓ Comes with three attachments

CONS:

- ✗ Must remove filter to empty dustbin
- ✗ Corded

[View Options at Amazon](#)

If you deal with allergies, this Bissell CleanView Deluxe Corded Hand Vacuum could help minimize the dirt and debris in your home or car. This heavy-duty, 4-pound handheld vacuum has a 23.6-ounce dustbin and comes with three attachments: a flexible 2-foot hose, a crevice tool for nooks and crannies, and Bissell's Wide Mouth Tool to tackle stairs and car interiors. However, this model isn't cordless and instead uses an 18-foot cord, which could limit mobility. Though it doesn't require charging, that also means it doesn't have a docking station where you can store the attachments.

What best equips this vacuum to deal with allergens is its multifiltration system which features a pleated paper filter and a foam high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter. A HEPA filter is designed to capture at least 99.97% of airborne particles with a size of 0.3 microns, including bacteria, dust, mold, and pollen.

Caroline Blazovsky, indoor air expert and CEO of [My Healthy Home](#), considers HEPA filtration a must if you’re someone who struggles with allergies. To get the most help out of your handheld vacuum, Blazovsky recommends “maintaining and cleaning attachments regularly” and opening and emptying the dustbin outside of your home to avoid recontaminating your space. As for filters, she advises changing them sooner than the manufacturer's recommendations. (Bissell sells an entire replacement filtration system for this model for \$15.80 on its site.) If you often have guests tracking in pet hair and dander, here’s Blazovsky’s advice: Vacuum where your guests were sitting to “prevent animal proteins and dander from flying through the air.”

Since the Bissell CleanView Deluxe Corded Hand Vacuum costs less than \$50, it doesn’t qualify for free shipping from Bissell and you’ll have to pay \$7.95 for standard shipping. You have 30 days from the delivery date to return it for a refund (minus the shipping costs). You’ll need to include the vacuum, all accompanying parts, and the manual in the original packaging and schedule a pickup from the company. This model comes with a one-year warranty covering repairs or replacements of the product within that time frame if it has a defective or malfunctioning part.

Specs

Price:	\$44.95
Battery Life:	N/A
Charge Time:	N/A
Filter:	Three-stage pleated paper filter and foam HEPA filter

[EXPAND LIST](#) ▾

[View Options At Amazon »](#)

Best for Cars

Worx 20V Power Share Cordless Cube Vac Com...



PROS:

- ✓ Multifunctional battery
- ✓ HEPA filter
- ✓ Short charging time
- ✓ Two suction levels

CONS:

- ✗ Nondetachable dustbin
- ✗ Needs replacement filter every three months

[Buy from Amazon](#)

Whether it's pets, kids, or simply everyday life that keeps your car in need of a good clean, the Worx 20V Power Share Cordless Cube Vac Compact Vacuum could be your new solution. In fact, Chief Hygiene Officer of Pro Housekeepers Jennifer Rodriguez specifically recommends handheld vacuums for cleaning car interiors.

This model weighs only 3 pounds even with the battery attached and the cube itself offers storage for the two included attachments: a crevice tool and a brush head. A bonus is the ability to switch between low and high suction levels. While the dustbin isn't removable, it features a one-touch

release button so you don't have to touch any of the debris you've vacuumed up.

The battery is compatible with other Worx products in the brand's Power Share collection, such as a chainsaw and a lawn mower, making it rather versatile if you own more than one appliance from Worx. The 20V Power Share Cordless Cube Vac Compact Vacuum comes with a charger and can run for about 10 to 25 minutes – depending on the suction level – after only one hour of charging. Additional batteries are available for purchase, as are replacement filters. The vacuum uses a HEPA filter that can be washed with warm water periodically but must be replaced every three months. Replacements are available from Worx for \$8.99.

Shipping costs vary based on location, but Worx offers a 30-day money-back guarantee for a full refund minus shipping and restocking fees. To qualify for the three-year warranty, you must register your vacuum on the Worx site within 30 days of purchase. The warranty covers faulty materials and craftsmanship with either replacement parts, repaired parts, a repaired unit, or a replacement unit at the company's discretion.

Specs

Price:	\$119.99
Battery Life:	10-25 minutes
Charge Time:	1 hour
Filter:	Washable HEPA filter

EXPAND LIST ▾

[Buy From Amazon »](#)

Best for Stairs

VacLife Vac Standard Handheld Vacuum »

**PROS:**

- ✓ HEPA filter
- ✓ LED light
- ✓ Lightweight

CONS:

- ✗ No docking station
- ✗ Can only return if unopened and unused

[Buy from Amazon](#)

The VacLife Vac Standard Handheld Vacuum combines multiple features that make it a good fit for cleaning stairs (particularly carpeted stairs): a long battery life so you can clean the stairs in one go, a light weight of less than 2 pounds that makes it easier to carry up and down, and an LED light to better see debris in corners and crevices.

Coming in at \$44.99, this vacuum features a HEPA filter, a crevice nozzle attachment, a brush tool, and a cleaning brush. The HEPA filter is encased in a nylon filter wrap that's designed to increase its lifespan to one full year, though you should clean the HEPA filter every three months. A four-pack of replacement filters is available from VacLife for \$19.99.

This model features two release buttons for its dustbin, which holds between 13.5 and 15.2 ounces of debris and it can run continuously for 20 minutes

after between two and 3.5 hours of charging. It charges with an adapter that plugs into the wall, meaning there’s no docking station on which to store the attachments and cleaning brush.

The amount you’ll pay for shipping depends on your location. As for returns, VacLife follows Amazon’s policy even if you purchase through the company site: free returns within 30 days but only for unopened and unused items.

Specs

Price:	\$44.99
Battery Life:	20 minutes
Charge Time:	2-3.5 hours
Filter:	Washable HEPA filter

EXPAND LIST ▾

[Buy From Amazon »](#)

Best for Hard Floors

Shark Pet Perfect SV75Z Vacuum Cleaner »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Washable filter
- ✓ Long filter life
- ✓ Twister Cyclonic Technology

CONS:

- ✗ Must remove filter to empty dustbin
- ✗ Complicated battery replacement

[Buy from Amazon](#)

What makes this 3.5-pound Shark Pet Perfect SV75Z Vacuum Cleaner a good option for hard floors is Shark's Twister Cyclonic Technology, which employs cyclonic air streams to increase suction and elongate the life of the filter and motor. The washable cloth filter only needs to be replaced every six to nine months due in part to this technology and replacements are available from Shark for \$15.95.

Available for \$44.88 from Walmart, this model comes with a motorized brush, a crevice tool, and a charging adapter. (A charging stand is available for purchase separately.) After six hours of charging, this handheld vacuum can run continuously for 12 minutes.

While you can purchase battery replacements from Shark yourself, installation and disposal of the original battery can be complicated, though Shark provides instructions in the manual. The dustbin can hold 16 ounces of debris, but you must remove the filter every time you need to empty the dustbin.

The Pet Perfect SV75Z Vacuum Cleaner is not available for purchase directly from Shark, though its accessories and attachments are. Return policies and warranties, therefore, depend on where you buy the vacuum. For instance, if you purchase through Amazon you must register your product on Shark’s website within 10 days of purchase. This unlocks a one-year warranty covering material and workmanship defects (given the vacuum is only employed for household tasks). If you buy from Walmart, you’ll get free 30-day returns and the option to pay for a two- or three-year protection plan.

Specs

Price:	\$44.88
Battery Life:	12 minutes
Charge Time:	6 hours
Filter:	Washable cloth filter

EXPAND LIST ▾

[Buy From Amazon »](#)

Best for Upholstery

Dyson Humdinger Handheld Vacuum »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Long battery life
- ✓ Washable HEPA filter
- ✓ Radial Root Cyclone technology

CONS:

- ✗ Pricey
- ✗ Small dustbin

[Buy from Dyson](#)

Dyson's unique hair screw tool is what makes this handheld vacuum our pick for cleaning upholstery. It features a conical motor-driven brush to pick up human and pet hair without letting it get tangled around the brush roll.

The Humdinger Handheld Vacuum also features Dyson's Radial Root Cyclone technology, which has eight air streams to suck up dirt and debris without losing suction. Combined with a lifetime washable HEPA filter that boasts capturing 99.99% of particles 0.3 microns or larger, this handheld vacuum is designed to leave the surrounding air cleaner, which Jennifer Rodriguez of Pro Housekeepers says is a crucial feature for a deep clean. This filter should be washed once a month.

Weighing 2.2 pounds, this vacuum contains a small 6.7-ounce dustbin but has a long run time of 25 minutes after 3.5 hours of charging. Your purchase comes with a charger that can be used with or without the wall-mounted docking station. As for attachments, it comes with a combination crevice and brush tool and a worktop tool. If you register your product on Dyson’s site, you’ll qualify for free additional tools up to \$75.

The Dyson Humdinger Handheld Vacuum is the priciest pick on this list at almost \$300. Your zip code determines if you’re eligible for free shipping from Dyson, but every purchase has a 30-day money-back guarantee. Your purchase also comes with a two-year warranty. During the first year, Dyson repair services and spare parts for your product are guaranteed.

Specs

Price:	\$299.99
Battery Life:	25 minutes
Charge Time:	3.5 hours
Filter:	Washable lifetime HEPA filter

EXPAND LIST ▾

[Buy From Dyson »](#)

The Bottom Line

Even though handheld vacuums are often billed as a quick cleanup solution, James Brown of [Mr Vacuum Cleaner: Sales, Service, Repairs, and Museum](#) recommends you “think about if it’s the right type of vacuum for the jobs you want to use it for.” Do you want specific attachments to get in hard-to-reach places or to tackle upholstery? If you want one to do the stairs or clean your car, you should look for a longer battery life. If you’re dealing with pets or allergies, keep in mind the type of filter and number

of filtration layers. If possible, Brown also advises you to “try it before you buy it.” We selected the Hoover ONEPWR Cordless Handheld Vacuum as our top choice because of its track record of positive professional reviews and battery versatility.

Things To Consider When Buying Handheld Vacuums

Batteries: All but one of the handheld vacuums in this list are rechargeable or run on rechargeable batteries. Depending on the cleaning tasks you have in mind, the run time of your appliance is important. Also, take into account other factors like charging time and whether or not additional batteries are sold for the model (and if so, the price of those batteries).

Portability and Weight: If you plan to use your handheld vacuum on stairs or in your car, you likely won't want a bulky model that makes the cleanup more difficult than it needs to be. Keep an eye out for comfortable handles and manageable weight so you can maneuver more easily. All vacuums in this list weigh less than 5 pounds.

Attachments and Accessories: The most common attachments with these handheld vacuums are crevice tools and brush tools, though some come with more specialized tools. For example, our pick for upholstery features Dysons' hair screw tool to suck up pet and human hair without it getting tangled. As for accessories, it's worth keeping storage in mind. Does your vacuum come with a charging dock (or is one available for purchase)? If so, is it wall-mounted? If you want to keep your vacuum and all its attachments together, make sure either the docking station or the vacuum itself can store the included attachments.

Filters: All the vacuums in this list come with one filter, and all but the Dyson Humdinger's filter need to be replaced periodically. Washable filters are ideal for keeping your appliance at peak performance without spending more than you need to on replacement filters. The replacement filters for the models in this list range in price from \$4.99 (Black + Decker Dustbuster Cordless Lithium-Ion 2Ah Hand Vacuum) to \$20.82 (both pieces for the Bissell Pet Hair Eraser Cordless Pet Vacuum).

How We Chose the Best Handheld Vacuums

At U.S. News 360 Reviews, our editors consulted with indoor air expert and CEO of [My Healthy Home](#) Caroline Blazovsky, Chief Hygiene Officer of [Pro Housekeepers](#) Jennifer Rodriguez, and James Brown of [Mr Vacuum Cleaner: Sales, Service, Repairs, and Museum](#). The main takeaway from Blazovsky is to pay attention to the filter type and stay on top of the cleaning and maintenance of the filter and machine itself, while Rodriguez emphasizes the importance of powerful suction and a long-lasting battery.

This list was curated based on research regarding the charging time, battery life, and best attachments for different cleaning environments. All things considered, prioritize which attachments you'll use most often and the length of time your cleaning tasks will take when deciding on a handheld vacuum.

WHY SHOULD YOU TRUST US?

Our contributors and editors have years of experience researching, testing, and reviewing products. [Kayla Randolph](#), the author of this piece and an associate editor for 360 Reviews, has spent the past year learning the ins and outs of home goods under the guidance of her team. As the dog mom of a husky mix named Luna, she loves how her cordless handheld vacuum helps keep the pet dander from overtaking her house.

FAQ

What are the key features I should look for in a handheld vacuum? +

What kind of charging setup does a handheld vacuum require? +

How do I clean the body of a handheld vacuum? +

Are there user-replaceable parts available for a handheld vacuum? +

What do I do if my handheld vacuum loses suction? +

How long does a handheld vacuum last? +

Are there any trade-in or recycling programs available for handheld vacuums? +

About Our Team



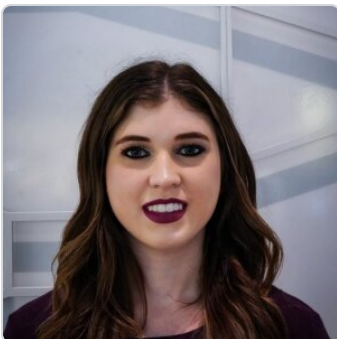
Kayla Randolph

Editor



Kayla Randolph is an editor specializing in pets for the 360 Reviews Home Goods team. In addition to work with USN&WR, she's a freelance editor with a bachelor's in Writing, Literature, and Publishing and a master's in Publishing and Writing from Emerson College.

[Read more](#)



Marlo Jappen Porto

Former Editor



Marlo Jappen Porto is a former editor for U.S. News 360 Reviews, focusing on home goods. Prior to joining the team, she was a researcher at NBCUniversal, where she gathered compelling and relevant archival content for live broadcasts. In addition, she has spent years working as an editor and community journalist.

[Read more](#)

HOMEHOME SERVICESLEEPTECHNOLOGY

LIFESTYLEINSURANCEBUSINESS360 REVIEWS UK



About Editorial Guidelines Contact Press Advertise Newsletters Jobs Site Map

Store

Copyright 2024 © U.S. News & World Report L.P.

Terms & Conditions/Privacy Policy/U.S. State Privacy Notice/Your Privacy Choices 