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## Best Canister Vacuums of 2024

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If you're in the market for a canister vacuum, you may already know that this model type has a lot to offer. Canister vacuums are often quiet, easy to maneuver, and suitable for multiple floor types. Plus, many come with handy attachments to make specific cleaning tasks easier whether it's dusting above-floor areas or removing stubborn pet hair.

However, there's a lot to keep in mind when deciding on which canister vacuum to get: What filter type are you looking for? Would you prefer a bagged or bagless model? What attachments or features are a priority to you? We put in the research to come up with a list of the best canister vacuums for different budgets, floor types, and cleaning needs.

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## Best Overall

### Miele Complete C3 Brilliant PowerLine - SGPE...



#### PROS:

✓ Floor heads for different

#### CONS:

✗ Expensive

surface types

✗ Heavy

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- ✓ High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter to remove allergens
- ✓ Automatic retractable cord

If you're looking for a canister vacuum that offers superior suction, is easy to use, and is versatile enough to clean a variety of surfaces in your home, you may decide that the Miele Complete C3 Brilliant PowerLine is worth the investment. Sharon Dickerson of [Capital Vacuum Floor-Care World](#) – a North Carolina-based shop that specializes in home-care products like vacuums, air purifiers, and steam cleaners – shares that Miele is one of her favorite brands. She adds that the “Miele C3 canister vacuum series is Miele’s most powerful and is also their quietest.”

In particular, the C3 Brilliant PowerLine comes with several attachments for cleaning different floors and surfaces. The Electro Premium Floorhead combined with the vacuum's 1,200-watt suction power allows it to effectively clean carpets, while the Parquet Twister XL Floorhead is ideal for gently cleaning hardwood flooring without scratching or damaging it. This model also comes with a dusting brush, a crevice nozzle, and an upholstery nozzle. It also has a HEPA AirClean filter for removing dust from your home.

The author of this piece Deirdre Mundorf owns the C3 Brilliant PowerLine. In addition to being impressed with its powerful suction, she loves that the suction power controls are on the ergonomic handle. This is an upgrade over other C3 models that require users to bend down and adjust the settings on the canister itself. Some of the other features you'll find integrated into this canister vacuum include the SpotLight to improve visibility when vacuuming, the Telescopic Suction Wand with a handle lock, and its single-touch retractable cord.

## Specs

Price:	\$1,789
Weight:	23 pounds
Bag Type:	Bagged
HEPA Filter:	Yes

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Best Budget

Eureka Mighty Mite »



**PROS:**

- ✓ Lightweight
- ✓ Inexpensive
- ✓ Can also function as a blower

**CONS:**

- ✗ No HEPA filter
- ✗ No separate attachments for carpeting and hard flooring

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The Eureka Mighty Mite delivers the benefits of a canister vacuum without the steep price tag. At \$82.99, it’s much more affordable than many other models we researched. It weighs just 8.6 pounds, making it easy to carry around the house or pull behind you.

Despite its lower price, the Mighty Mite offers a lot of user-friendly features like a crevice tool and a two-in-one upholstery and dusting brush. You can also bring the Mighty Mite outside or to the garage to help clear off leaves or debris using the integrated blower port. This is a bagged model that has a triple-filtration bag system to trap dust and other allergens, keeping such particles from being reintroduced into the air.

**Specs**

<b>Price:</b>	\$82.99 (Eureka), \$99.99 (Walmart)
<b>Weight:</b>	8.6 pounds
<b>Bag Type:</b>	Bagged
<b>HEPA Filter:</b>	No

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**Best for Pet Hair**

## Kenmore Pet Friendly Pop-N-Go Bagged Canis...



### PROS:

- ✓ Brushroll with adjustable height
- ✓ Long cord
- ✓ Motorized pet tool for cleaning upholstery and stairs

### CONS:

- ✗ Heavy
- ✗ Reviewers say bare floor nozzle could be wider

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If you have pets, then you already know how difficult it can be to find an effective vacuum that will pick up all of the fur they shed. The Kenmore Pet Friendly Pop-N-Go Bagged Canister Vacuum offers features that are designed to specifically help pet owners tackle this problem. It comes with a special Pet PowerMate attachment that can be used to clean carpets, hardwood, laminate, upholstered furniture, and more. This motorized brush effectively picks up stubborn hairs, leaving surfaces much cleaner.

Beyond this specialized attachment, the canister vacuum also features a two-motor system to help it clean both hard floors and carpeted surfaces with ease. The telescoping wand, which extends up to 9 1/2 feet, makes it easier to get to corners, ceilings, and other difficult-to-reach spaces.

The Pet Friendly Pop-N-Go helps keep the air in the home clean with a HEPA filter that removes up to 99.97% of dust and allergens as small as 0.3 microns, and the AllergenSeal System keeps the air path for the vacuum completely sealed to prevent these particles from getting back into the air. A few of the other key features of this model include the automatic retractable cord, four height adjustment levels, and onboard tool storage for the Pet PowerMate, dusting brush, and long crevice tool.

Specs

Price:	\$339.99
Weight:	24 pounds
Bag Type:	Bagged
HEPA Filter:	Yes

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Best Lightweight

Oreck Compact Canister Vacuum »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Compact and lightweight
- ✓ Relatively inexpensive
- ✓ HEPA filter

**CONS:**

- ✗ Shorter cord
- ✗ No wheels

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At just 6 pounds, the Oreck Compact Canister Vacuum is the lightest model on our list. It's also more compact than many other competitors, making it a suitable option for apartment dwellers or those with limited storage space. It even includes an adjustable strap to allow users to conveniently carry it on their shoulders when vacuuming or going up or down the stairs. There's also a setting that allows the vacuum to double as a blower for clearing debris off outside surfaces with ease.

The Oreck Compact Canister Vacuum comes with three accessories: a crevice tool, a dusting brush, and an upholstery tool. All three accessories can be conveniently stored on the canister for easy access. This Oreck model also offers a flexible hose and a long extension wand to help you



reach high areas or under furniture. Furthermore, this bagged model uses a HEPA filtration system to trap and keep particles out of your home’s air.

Specs

Price:	\$219.99
Weight:	6 pounds
Bag Type:	Bagged
HEPA Filter:	Yes

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Best for Hardwood Floors

Miele Boost CX1 Parquet »



PROS:	CONS:
Has a specialized	Shorter cord

cleaning head for  
hardwood

✗ Smaller capacity

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- ✓ Adjustable height
- ✓ Features heels on the  
sides for added stability

When shopping for a canister vacuum for hardwood floors, it’s important to make sure that the model you choose has a floor head that effectively removes dirt and debris without scratching the surface. The Miele Boost CX1 Parquet is a bagless canister vacuum that comes with a variety of attachments that make it an optimal choice for users with hard floors (including wood), as well as those with carpeted surfaces in their homes.

For instance, the specialized Parquet Twister attachment features soft bristles that allow it to move across these more delicate surfaces without scratching. This Parquet Twister Floorhead also has a double-swivel neck, allowing it to more easily navigate around furniture and obstacles.

This model also features the AllTeQ Universal Floorhead with retractable bristles that can be used on carpets and hard floors and has thread lifters to pull hair out of carpets for a deeper clean.

Additionally, this vacuum has a telescoping handle, allowing users of various heights to adjust it to a comfortable position for use. Another plus is its HEPA AirClean filter that works to remove particles from the air and prevent re-contaminating your home.

Specs

Price:	\$579
Weight:	18 pounds
Bag Type:	Bagless
HEPA Filter:	Yes

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## Best for Carpets

### Sebo Airbelt E3 Premium »



#### PROS:

- ✓ Electric power head with four height adjustment options
- ✓ Large-capacity bag
- ✓ Automatic retractable cord

#### CONS:

- ✗ No HEPA filter
- ✗ Expensive

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Sebo is one of the brands that both Jon Evans from [Evans Vacuum](#) and Sharon Dickerson from Capital Vacuum Floor-Care World recommend to

their customers. In particular, the Sebo Airbelt E3 Premium stands out for its ability to clean carpets. It comes with a commercial-quality ET-1 power head that offers a 12-inch-wide cleaning path. The power head also has a low-profile design, allowing it to fit more easily under tables and other pieces of furniture, and you can adjust it to four different levels to accommodate use on carpets with different pile heights as well as hard floors.

You'll find that the 25-foot cord and 7-foot hose make it easy to clean your floors, ceilings, and furniture without unplugging and re-plugging in the vacuum too frequently. Together, these features allow for a 37-foot cleaning radius. The Sebo Airbelt E3 Premium offers several other features designed with user-friendliness in mind, such as the push-button cord rewinder, rubber-coated wheels to allow for maneuverability with ease, onboard storage for the telescoping tool and suction hose (when either is connected to the combination nozzle, parquet brush, or turbo head), and high-capacity filter bag.

Another upgrade of the E3 Premium over the other models in this line is the dual-control handle that makes it easy to raise or lower the suction power based on the demands of the surface you're cleaning (i.e. decreasing it for curtains and other delicate surfaces or increasing it for carpeting).

## Specs

Price:	\$1,099
Weight:	12.9 pounds
Bag Type:	Bagged
HEPA Filter:	No

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## Best for Hard-To-Reach Areas

## Bissell SmartClean Canister Vacuum »



### PROS:

- ✓ Long cord
- ✓ Lay-flat wand for cleaning in tight spaces
- ✓ Relatively inexpensive

### CONS:

- ✗ Smaller capacity
- ✗ Bagless design that could release more dirt into the air when emptied

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The Bissell SmartClean Canister Vacuum is specifically engineered to easily clean tight and hard-to-reach areas in your home. It offers a 30-foot power cord combined with a long hose and wand that together give the vacuum a 40-foot operating radius. This makes it ideal for reaching high ceilings and limiting the number of times you need to move from outlet to outlet while working. The wand will also lie flat, making it possible to reach far under beds, dressers, and other pieces of furniture. When cleaning surfaces above the floor, you can release the vacuum's integrated dusting brush from its handle to seamlessly remove debris.

The Multi-Surface Nozzle has different settings for carpeting and hard floors and also features edge-cleaning bristles to more effectively clean along baseboards and cabinets. You can customize the suction level based on the surface you’re cleaning using the digital controls. This is a bagless canister vacuum that uses Bissell’s Multi-Cyclonic Spooling System to capture dirt while allowing it to drop freely from the dustbin, keeping your hands clean when emptying it.

Specs

Price:	\$257.49
Weight:	18.1 pounds
Bag Type:	Bagless
HEPA Filter:	No

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The Bottom Line

Canister vacuums are known for power and versatility. Choosing the right one for you will depend on your budget, preferences, flooring, and home layout. We chose the Miele Complete C3 Brilliant PowerLine - SGPEO as our top pick because of its impressive features and performance on a variety of floor types. As Sharon Dickerson from [Capital Vacuum Floor-Care World](#) says, Miele vacuums are known for “powerful suction, excellent Air Clean or HEPA filtration, ease-of-use, quiet operation and durability.”

## Things To Consider When Buying Canister Vacuums

**Surface Compatibility:** “The most important thing to keep in mind when shopping for a vacuum is the flooring type in your house,” says Jon Evans of Evans Vacuum. Some canister vacuums are not as effective on carpets. If your home has carpeting, Evans recommends “a canister type with an electric power nozzle.” These attachments may offer adjustable height settings or retractable bristles to more effectively pull dirt and debris out of carpets.

If your home doesn’t have any carpets or many rugs, Evans shares that you may be able to “get by with a straight suction canister.” However, if you have hardwood floors, you’ll also need to think about choosing a vacuum with an attachment that won’t cause scratching. For example, Miele’s Parquet Twister Floorhead’s base is designed with soft bristles that protect the flooring beneath it.

**Weight:** There is a lot of variability between the weights of different canister vacuums. The seven models we reviewed above ranged from 6 pounds to 24 pounds. With such a range of weights, you’ll need to consider how you plan to use the vacuum, how easy it will be for you to carry it, and whether you will be bringing it up and down one or more flights of stairs for use and/or storage.

Generally speaking, a lighter vacuum will be easier to maneuver or use when cleaning the stairs. However, these lighter-weight models may not offer all of the features and attachments you’ll find with heftier canister vacuums. For example, the Oreck Compact Canister Vacuum doesn’t come with a motorized attachment like you’ll get with the Miele Complete C3 Brilliant PowerLine - SGPEO or the Kenmore Pet Friendly Pop-N-Go Bagged Canister Vacuum.

**Capacity:** Next, consider the capacity of each canister vacuum you’re looking into purchasing. Capacity refers to the amount of dust, dirt, hair, and other debris that the canister will be able to hold before needing to be emptied. While some canister vacuums feature a bagless design with a dustbin that you can empty over the trash, many models are bagged. The capacity of the models we reviewed above ranges from 0.6 quarts to 4.8 quarts. Vacuums with a smaller capacity will require more

frequent emptying, which poses the problem of interrupting you when you're in the middle of cleaning your home.

**Filter:** Paying attention to the type of filter included with each vacuum before making a decision about which model to purchase is important. The filter is responsible for trapping the dirt and debris sucked up from the floor. Without a proper filter, these allergens will be re-released. This will contaminate the air for all household members and can pose a more serious threat to those suffering from allergies.

HEPA filters are seen as the most effective at capturing contaminants and preventing such contaminants from being released back into the air. According to the [United States Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#), HEPA filters can remove “at least 99.97% of dust, pollen, mold, bacteria, and any airborne particles with a size of 0.3 microns( $\mu\text{m}$ ).”

**Bag Type:** While some canister vacuums are bagless and can be emptied directly into a trash can, bagless models can be appealing because there's no requirement to purchase vacuum bags and can therefore seem easier to empty.

Bagged canister vacuums are also more hygienic to empty. You don't have to worry about spreading the dust and debris you just pulled off of your floor right back into the air. As Sharon Dickerson of Capital Vacuum Floor-Care World explains, “Most bagged vacuums feature self-sealing bags that close upon removing them from the vacuum, eliminating dust from getting out when changing bags.” She adds that “for people who are sensitive to dust or have allergies, we always recommend bagged vacuums.” However, you'll need to be prepared for the ongoing costs of purchasing additional bags for your model.

**Cord Length:** The length of a vacuum cord will directly affect your cleaning radius. Models with shorter cords will require you to change outlets more frequently as you work, which can be frustrating and add more time to your cleaning routine. Choosing a model with a longer cord may be of particular importance to you if you have a larger home. Of the canister vacuums we reviewed above, the cord lengths range between 20 and 30 feet, with the Bissell SmartClean Canister Vacuum having the longest cord.

In addition to considering the length of the cord, you may also want to look for a canister vacuum with a retractable cord. With these models, you can simply press a



button and the cord will automatically retract into the canister. This makes it faster and more convenient to put the vacuum away when you're finished and can help prevent the cord from getting kinked or twisted when being stored. The Miele Complete C3 Brilliant PowerLine - SGPEO, the Kenmore Pet Friendly Pop-N-Go Bagged Canister Vacuum, and the Sebo Airbelt E3 Premium all feature retractable cords.

**Attachments:** The attachments that are included with the model you purchase will have an impact on how effectively you're able to use your canister vacuum to clean the various surfaces in your home. Most models come standard with a crevice tool, dusting brush, and upholstery nozzle, but you can find canister vacuums with other attachments that allow for more versatile use.

For example, some may include telescoping wands to reach ceilings and under furniture, motorized brushes for cleaning pet hair, or various floor heads for cleaning carpets, hardwood, and other surfaces. In addition to considering the different attachments that come with each model, you may also want to look for vacuums that offer onboard storage for the various tools and allow for easier access.

## How We Chose the Best Canister Vacuums

When curating this list of the best canister vacuums, we consulted various experts in the cleaning and vacuuming industry, including Jon Evans, a third-generation vacuum cleaner store operator of [Evans Vacuum](#), and Sharon Dickerson from [Capital Vacuum Floor-Care World](#), a shop based in Raleigh, North Carolina, that specializes in home-care products like vacuums, air purifiers, and steam cleaners. Customer ratings, price, ease of use, included attachments, and several other factors were also taken into account when compiling our recommendations. We sought to offer a variety of selections to match the range of cleaning needs of individuals with different home sizes and layouts, flooring types, and budgets.

### WHY SHOULD YOU TRUST US?

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has had her work published by Bob Vila, Discover Magazine, and House Digest. She also owns the Miele Complete C3 Brilliant PowerLine - SGPEO, which is our top pick and can speak from personal experience about how effectively it cleans both hardwood and carpeted floors.

## FAQ

**What's the difference between bagged and bagless canister vacuums?**

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**How do I clean a canister vacuum?**

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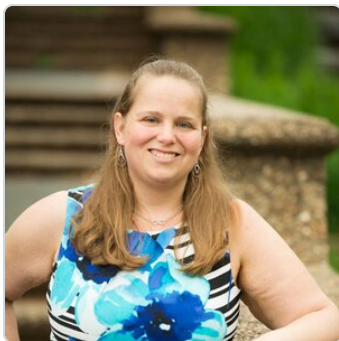
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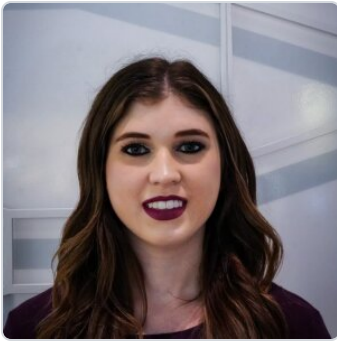
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