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## HEPA VACUUM CLEANERS GUIDE

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Residential Upright HEPA Vacuum Cleaners  
The Central Vacuum Cleaner Alternative*

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Our homes and buildings experience continual contamination by dirt, dust & dander, pollen, mold spores and other allergens that can severely affect the lifestyle of millions of allergy sufferers. Yet several highly effective **HEPA Vacuum Cleaners** are now available that can safely remove these allergens from our living spaces. **Dobmeier Janitorial Supplies** is proud to provide a wide range of Quality HEPA Vacuum Cleaners with models to suit any Residential or Professional Janitorial Cleaning Application.

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- environmental sustainability

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## HEPA VACUUM CLEANER BASICS

### Do You Really Need A HEPA Vacuum Cleaner?

Most people don't need a HEPA Vacuum Cleaner, but anyone with allergies to dust mites, mold spores, pet dander, pollen, and other tiny airborne allergens can usually benefit greatly by upgrading to a True **Sealed HEPA Vacuum Cleaner**. For this reason we believe that any homeowner or facilities manager who cares about Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) should seriously consider upgrading to True Sealed HEPA Vacuum Cleaners.

### What Is A HEPA Vacuum Cleaner?

A standard Vacuum Cleaner sucks in dirt, dust, dander, and other particles at the front of the machine and passes the incoming dirt-laden air through a filter bag or other dust trap. Typical standard vacuum cleaners can remove dust and particles down to a size of about 10 microns diameter, but all finer particles pass right through the filter bag to be blown out the vacuum cleaner exhaust, back into the air that we breathe! Many of these fine particles are allergens that can trigger allergic reactions in susceptible people.

A **HEPA Vacuum Cleaner** is a vacuum cleaner that has a normal filter bag or dust trap to act as a pre-filter, and also has a **HEPA Filter** installed in order to remove very small sub-micron particulates which standard vacuum cleaner bags cannot trap.

However, many 'HEPA Vacuum Cleaners' that are equipped with HEPA filters can continue to exhaust allergens into the air. This is normally due to poor design and inadequate sealing around the HEPA Filter unit. If you want to remove the maximum amount of allergens from your air it is important to buy a True **Sealed HEPA Vacuum Cleaner**.

HEPA Vacuum Cleaners often become more efficient at removing the finest particles after being used a few times. As their HEPA filters collect fine particulates it becomes easier for them to trap even finer particles, which would otherwise be able to pass through the filter media unhindered.

However, at some stage the HEPA filter in Your HEPA Vacuum Cleaner will become so highly loaded with particles that it will require replacement. In typical residential use (vacuum cleaner manufacturers assume up to 3 hours of vacuum cleaning per week) a HEPA filter may reasonably be expected to last about a year. In professional janitorial cleaning applications (which may run all day for 5 days per week) HEPA filters usually require much more frequent replacement, depending upon the specific cleaning duties.

### How Much Do HEPA Vacuum Cleaners Cost?

There are many different types of HEPA Vacuum Cleaners available, including Canister HEPA Vacuum Cleaners, Upright HEPA Vacuum Cleaners, Cordless HEPA Vacuum Cleaners, BackPack HEPA Vacuum Cleaners, Wet/Dry HEPA Vacuum Cleaners, and even Ride-On HEPA Vacuum Cleaners.

You should typically expect to pay anywhere from \$200 to \$1,200 for a Residential HEPA Vacuum Cleaner, depending upon Your specific requirements. Heavy-Duty Professional HEPA Vacuum Cleaners for commercial, institutional, or industrial cleaning applications may vary in price from \$750 to \$15,000 depending upon the scale of your cleaning operation and other parameters.



Clarke Comfort Pak 6  
Backpack Vacuum Cleaner w.  
Optional HEPA Filter

### What Is A HEPA Filter?

True High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters must be at least 99.997% efficient at filtering 0.3 micron diameter particles, allowing no more than 3 particles in 10,000 to pass through them.

There are True (Certified) HEPA Filters and other High Efficiency Air Filters available on the market. Only the True HEPA filters are certified to provide HEPA filter performance.

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## HOW TO FIND THE BEST HEPA VACUUM CLEANER

The optimum type of HEPA Vacuum Cleaner for Your Specific Application depends upon several factors including:

- Your Vacuum Cleaning Requirement – Light-Duty Residential or Heavy-Duty Professional Janitorial Cleaning?
- The amount of Surface Area that you need to vacuum clean, & whether it's open or with many obstacles to maneuver around?
- The type of flooring that you need to vacuum clean, carpet, hardwood, other bare flooring, mixed flooring...?
- Your other vacuum cleaning requirements, stairs, drapes, upholstery, wet/dry...?
- Your Budget?

### Residential versus Professional Janitorial HEPA Vacuum Cleaners

Many *Residential-Duty* HEPA Vacuum Cleaners are designed to do a good job cleaning the wide variety of flooring, upholstery and drapes found in our homes. Most of these relatively lightweight and portable machines are designed to be used for up to about 3 hours per week.

*Heavy-Duty Janitorial* HEPA Vacuum Cleaners are typically expected to work 30 or more hours per week. There are many different types available, some specialized for particular vacuum cleaning situations like wide-area machines for cleaning large areas of carpet, or backpack units for interim cleaning of lounges and other furnished areas. We particularly recommend the heavy-duty vacuum cleaner ranges offered by **Clarke** and also those offered by **Windsor**.



Clarke CarpetMaster  
Commercial Upright  
HEPA Vacuum Cleaners

**Think About Your Primary and Secondary Cleaning Needs Before Trying To Select Your Optimum Vacuum Cleaner**  
**Your Most Efficient Option In Many Janitorial Situations May Be To Buy More Than One Type Of Unit**  
**Your Most Efficient Option In Most Residential Applications Will Be To Buy A Quality Canister HEPA Vacuum Cleaner**



Clarke UZ93-H  
Commercial Canister  
HEPA Vacuum Cleaner

### Canister versus Upright HEPA Vacuum Cleaners

Canister style and Upright style vacuum cleaners represent the 2 most popular types of HEPA Vacuum Cleaners available for residential use and for many janitorial cleaning operations.

**In most Residential Applications - Canister Vacuum Cleaners are considered superior:**

- Canister Vacuum Cleaners are lighter and more maneuverable to operate than uprights
- Canister Vacuum Cleaners can move seamlessly from carpets to bare floors to rugs...
- Canister Vacuum Cleaners often have suction control as a standard feature
- Canister Vacuum Cleaners offer convenient tool storage
- Canister Vacuum Cleaners easily adapt for use of different tools without overbalancing
- Canister Vacuum Cleaners offer self-storing retractable power cords for easy management
- Canister Vacuum Cleaners can be easily stored in an upright position just like uprights

**Upright Vacuum Cleaners** generally provide greater suction power compared to canister vacs at the same price level, so if you only want to clean carpets an upright may represent better value for you than a similarly priced canister HEPA Vacuum Cleaner.

**In Janitorial Cleaning Applications** – Upright Vacuum Cleaners with wide heads and powerful multiple motors are usually more appropriate where wide areas of potentially heavily-soiled carpet have to be cleaned quickly. There are also Heavy-Duty Canister HEPA Vacuum Cleaners, Wet/Dry HEPA Vacuum Cleaners, Backpack HEPA Vacuum Cleaners and Ride-On HEPA Vacuum Cleaners for use in a wide range of commercial, institutional and industrial cleaning applications. See **Clarke** and **Windsor**.

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## RESIDENTIAL-DUTY HEPA VACUUM CLEANERS

### The Trouble With Bagless HEPA Vacuum Cleaners

**Bagless HEPA Vacuum Cleaners** look trendy and can clean effectively. Being bagless means that you don't need to buy replacement bags each time you empty the dust collector. However, whenever bagless vacuums need to be emptied they create an unacceptable exposure hazard for any allergy sufferer.

If Your HEPA Vacuum Cleaner will be operated by a person with allergies it may be best to choose a bagged vacuum cleaner model that automatically seals the bag when it requires changing - like the range of models made by **Miele** or the **Electrolux Oxygen 3**.

You may be able to make a Bagless HEPA Vacuum Cleaner work if you can always find someone who does not suffer from allergies to empty it.



*Electrolux Oxygen 3  
Residential Canister  
HEPA Vacuum Cleaners*

### Turbo-Brush versus Power-Brush Carpet Heads For Canister Vacs

A typical canister HEPA Vacuum Cleaner comes with a wand and brush head for hard floors, a crevice tool, a dusting brush, and an upholstery brush. Some models come equipped with a carpet head, whereas this is an optional add-on attachment for other models. With regard to the wand – look for an adjustable length wand.

When researching the types of carpet head available you will find both *Power-Brush* carpet heads and *Turbo-Brush* carpet heads. The Power-Brush head is operated by a separate electric motor and is considerably more powerful than the Turbo-Brush carpet head – which is considerably lighter and operated by air flow.

***So In Most Situations Vacuum Cleaning Floor Carpets The Power-Brush Does A Much Better Job, More Efficiently.***

However, a large and relatively heavy Power-Brush carpet head on a wand can be awkward to use when vacuum cleaning stairs.

***The Ideal Solution Is Often To Use A Large Power-Brush On A Wand For Your Floor Carpets  
And Use A Smaller Turbo-Brush Attached Directly To Your Hose For Cleaning Carpeted Stairs!***

## HEPA VACUUM CLEANER FEATURES YOU SHOULD INSIST ON

### 1. Choose The *Right HEPA Vacuum Cleaner For Your Particular Cleaning Scenario:*

*Light-Duty Residential* HEPA Vacuum Cleaners are designed to be used for up to about 3 hours per week and most residential vacuum cleaning situations are best served with a Canister-style Vacuum Cleaner.

*Heavy-Duty Professional Janitorial* HEPA Vacuum Cleaners are generally larger and heavier units designed to run 7 hours per day for 5 days per week, and they are not well suited to relatively small residential vacuum cleaning applications. Different janitorial vacuum cleaning situations may be optimally served with a Canister Model, a Wide-Area Upright Model, a Cordless Vac, a Ride-On Vacuum Cleaner, a Backpack HEPA Vacuum Cleaner, or a Wet/Dry HEPA Vacuum Cleaner Model – so it is not unusual to find more than one type of vacuum cleaner in a janitorial storage area.

### 2. Insist On A *True (Certified) HEPA Filter In Your HEPA Vacuum Cleaner*

You also need a **Sealed HEPA Filter Vacuum Cleaner** that will not permit allergens and other fine particulates to leak out of the vac unit into your room air. In order to achieve this, the HEPA Filter must be positioned in the airflow downstream of both the filter bag and the vacuum cleaner motor, and it must be firmly sealed in place with thick rubber gasketing.

### 3. Insist On A *Powerful HEPA Vacuum Cleaner With Suction Control*

Look for a twin-fan motor. The more powerful the suction the more dirt and allergens you'll be able to remove from your carpeting and vacuum cleaning will take less time. However, you will also want Suction Control so that you can turn down the power when cleaning drapes and other surfaces that don't need maximum suction.

### 4. Insist On *Simple Operation & Control*

You want easy adjustment and control of all features using your hands or feet where appropriate. Look for a long power cord – canister vacuum cleaners offer self-storing retractable cords so expect at least 25 feet length.

### 5. Insist On Getting The *Right Tools & Functionality For Your HEPA Vacuum Cleaner*

Make sure that you get the specific tools that you need and check that they function properly:

- **On Canisters:** look for an adjustable wand length and ease of tool fitting/removal/storage. Get a power-brush head for efficiently cleaning carpets and look for adjustable height control. Make sure the hose can rotate a full 360 degrees so that you'll have free range of motion without kinking the hose or tugging the vac unit around.
- **On Uprights:** look for easy hose & cable storage, and ask about tool storage. Make sure that you can easily switch the power-brush on for carpets and off for bare floors, and adjust its height. Look for a wide head if you need to clean large areas, or a smaller head for maneuverability and ease of cleaning under obstacles like tables and chairs.

For either style of vacuum cleaner make sure that your hose is long and that it does not easily kink or deform out of round.

### 6. Insist On *Quality & Value Consistent With Your Budget.*

Some manufacturers may take a standard vacuum cleaner and simply equip it with a HEPA Filter. A vacuum cleaner specifically designed as a HEPA Vacuum Cleaner will feature a fan downstream of the filter bag so that fragmentation of particles is minimized and less allergens will reach your room air. Other signs of a high quality True HEPA Vacuum Cleaner include:

- Certified HEPA Filter
- Good selection, functionality, & storage of tools
- Powerful suction with quiet operation
- Variable suction control
- Dust bag change indicator & automatic dust bag sealing
- 3 year minimum warranty on the motor (with at least a year on all other parts)

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## CENTRAL VACUUM CLEANER SYSTEMS FOR ALLERGY SUFFERERS



### *Central Vacuum Systems Can Be An Excellent Alternative For Allergy Sufferers*

If You suffer from allergies you may find that a **Central Vacuum System** is an even better choice for you than a HEPA Vacuum Cleaner:

Central Vacuum Systems remove all dirt from your home without blowing exhaust air around the rooms. This is advantageous for allergy sufferers because the chance of allergens getting back into your room air is significantly reduced. Their exhaust air can be vented into the garage or basement where they are installed, or can even be vented directly out of your home.

Central Vacuum Systems are usually large built-in units that can be more powerful than portable vacuum cleaners - since their weight is not an issue and they can be fitted with larger and more powerful motors.

The biggest disadvantages of Central Vacuum Cleaners are:

Central Vacuum Cleaners require planning & fitting in homes that are under construction

Central Vacuum Cleaners are relatively expensive to install

Central Vacuum Cleaners Require You to drag long hoses and tools around



*Electrolux QuietClean  
Central Vacuum Systems*

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