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### Canister Vacuums: A Great Alternative To Backpacks And Uprights

The battle between canister vacuums, backpacks and uprights — and which is the best type of vacuum — has been raging for years. All three types normally offer tools and options to make cleaning tasks easier.

Today, most provide dual-purpose versatility for carpet or hard floors, and newer models offer superior suction, high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration, enhanced cleaning speed, whisper-quiet operation and are offered at competitive prices.

The many similarities can make the decision-making process difficult and, in truth, it probably comes down to a matter of personal choice when deciding which vacuum is better, whether it's an upright vacuum, backpack or canister.

As a manufacturer of all types of vacuum cleaners — backpacks, uprights, canisters, wet/dry systems, etc. — it is our goal to deliver cleaning solutions to meet every imaginable cleaning need, as well as help you choose the best style of vacuum cleaner that works for you.

Below are some key advantages of a dry canister vacuum:

- **Increased versatility:** A canister vacuum cleans compact, hard-to-reach areas and extends your cleaning range up to eight feet, thanks to the hose accompanied by a variety of tool and wand attachments. The tools and wand make cleaning “above ground,” stairs and soft or hard floor vacuuming a breeze.
- **Convenience:** Unlike backpack vacuums, the weight of the unit isn't carried by the operator. For this reason, many housekeepers prefer this type of vacuum.
- **Quiet operation:** Most systems are designed so the motor and key components are housed in the canister, which allows engineers to use enhanced sound-suppression systems.
- **Improved control of air contaminants:** In addition to delivering HEPA filtration, many canister vacuums normally feature multi-stage filters that make them an excellent choice when allergies or asthma are a concern.
- **Day cleaning:** Some of today's canisters offer whisper-quiet operation, producing less than 70 decibels. Along with HEPA filtration for improved indoor air quality, both

features make canister vacuums great for day cleaning, which can reduce cleaning budgets and cut energy consumption.

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