

Buying Guide



The importance of keeping your establishment or operation clean is obvious... on the surface! But doing it effectively can have its challenges. And in terms of removing allergens, germs and pollutants that we can't see, the job becomes even more of a test. Exceptional cleaning performance from versatile machines designed to work in any commercial environment are what is required.

Powerful commercial vacuum cleaners with a high level of suction will pick-up dust and dirt, however in some environments such as foodservice and healthcare, it is essential to stop the smaller particles of dust and allergens re-entering the air and vacuums developed with HEPA filters inside will help eradicate this. A vacuum with a proper HEPA filter will channel virtually all of the dirty airstream through the filter, if it doesn't, it's simply rearranging dirt! A genuine HEPA filter is much more hygienic than an ordinary one because it will stop mold spores and even some bacteria and viruses.

When vacuuming alone is not enough to remove dirt and stains from carpets, then carpet washers are the answer, these machines can spot wash, everyday wash or deep clean lifting stains you can and can't see in the pile. And for hard floors and surfaces that need a hygienic clean and sanitisation, steam cleaners can do the job without the need for chemicals.

Advantages

- Some vacuum models have advanced filtration and energy efficiency for a better performance and more effective clean.
- Lightweight models of vacuum available for ease of portability and models with lower noise levels for quiet operation, allowing the vacuums to be used almost anywhere.
- Steam cleaners can be extremely versatile, not just cleaning floors, but cleaning taps, tiles, windows and any hard surface and can switch from steam cleaning to extraction of liquids.

Buying Tips

- **What equipment?** - Look at the surface area and the types of surfaces to be cleaned (hard floor or carpet) to determine the capacity and style of vacuum - i.e. upright or cylinder model. Similarly for carpet washers to ascertain capacity required and consider whether it is for spot washing and removing stains or whether a larger capacity model would be best for deep cleaning. If there is an extensive area of hard surfaces to clean and hygienically, as in healthcare environments, choose a steam cleaner.
- **Build quality and reliability** - Look for sturdy and durable manufacture, reliable, energy efficient models with exceptional operational productivity. Choose a leading brand known for its cleaning equipment and genuine HEPA filters, they are worth the investment. Look at after sales service and check the availability of spare parts and any useful accessories, plus the cost of replacements features. Go for lightweight, yet stable models for easier mobility. Check the warranty periods.
- **Operational features** - On vacuum cleaners, look for: A-rated, HEPA filtration to reduce airborne particles and produce an outstanding cleaning performance; anti-topple stability; long, high visibility cables; variety of on-board tools; quiet operation; carpet and hard floor cleaning capability and dust bag capacity. On carpet washers, look for: large capacity tanks; time saving multi-directional cleaning; excellent extraction to ensure carpets dry quickly; on-board tools, including agitating wash tool brushes and hose. On steam cleaners, look for: quick heat up and continuous steam; variable steam control; extensive set of tools for cleaning a wide range of appliances and surfaces.

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	Light Duty Designed for commercial use in a less busy environment
	Medium Duty Strongly constructed to perform in a busy situation
	Heavy Duty High standard of build to provide good service under heavy use
	Extra Heavy Duty High powered, fast throughput with the highest standard of build
	13 Amp Plug and go!
	Hardwired Hard wiring required
	Gas
	Stainless Steel Construction
	Warranty