

Miele S7210

Which 'Best Buy' review

Miele's first foray into the upright vacuum cleaner market is a real winner. The S 7210 is Miele's entry-level model in the S7 range and performance is outstanding.

At 9.8kg this is a relatively hefty cleaner, and it might feel a little heavy during use, but thanks to the swivel neck it's very manoeuvrable and you can lay it flat to the floor to vacuum under low furniture.

Dust pick-up from carpet, laminate and floor boards is outstanding. The S 7210 is the entry-level model, and is supplied with the basic Super AirClean filter, but we found filtration to be excellent - good news for allergy sufferers. If you want to upgrade your filter later you can use other Miele filters in this vac.

This is a bagged vac, so you will need to buy replacement bags. However, in our carpet tests the suction stayed strong as the bag filled, so you shouldn't have to change it too frequently.

With a reach of more than 11 metres, you can cover a lot of floor space before unplugging - good for vacuuming large rooms. It has a height-adjustable hose for curtains and stairs. Attachments, including soft brush, stair and gap nozzles, fit neatly to the body of the machine for storage.

It's quick to pick up pet hair, but you will need to clean the brush afterwards. There's a dial on the front of the cleaner to adjust the suction to suit the surface you're vacuuming, and the switch on the handle adjusts the level of the brush so you can easily switch between carpet and hard floors.

Energy consumption is fairly low, and noise levels are average, too.

Pros: Excellent on carpet, laminate and floor boards, good filtration, easy to clean under furniture

Cons: A little heavy

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Test criteria	Rating
Cleaning	
Carpet	★★★★★
Laminate floors	★★★★★
Floorboards	★★★★★
Walls and corners	★★★★☆
Performance	
Allergen retention	★★★★★
Pet hair	★★★★★
Noise	★★★☆☆
Ease of use	
General use	★★★★☆
Emptying	★★★★★
Cleaning stairs	★★★☆☆
Manoeuvrability	★★★☆☆

Miele S7260 Cat & Dog

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Miele has come up trumps with the Best Buy S7260 upright bagged cleaner. It's a star on any floor surface, collecting an impressive amount of dust. It also removes pet hair quickly and effectively, easily justifying its Cat & Dog billing.

The S7260 traps a very high percentage of dust and allergens, so they won't be blown back into the room - great news for allergy sufferers.

The Active Air filter is easy to access and change, and the bag holds an impressive 4.7 litres, so you won't need to change it too often.

This model is heavy at 9.8kg, but it's easy to use otherwise. The 11.3m reach lets you clean a large room without having to stop and unplug it, the swivel neck means the vacuum itself is easy to manoeuvre and the turbo head gets into edges and corners very well.

The attachments fit neatly to the body of the machine for storage and there's a height-adjustable hose for curtains, stairs, or removing cobwebs from cornices.

Like most uprights, the S7260 isn't easy to use on stairs, but this one does stand steadily on the floor as you clean up and down the flight.

This model comes with a mini turbo brush designed to pick up pet hair from upholstery and small spaces.

It has a dial to adjust the suction setting and is supplied with the Active AirClean filter, but you can use other Miele filters in it, so you could upgrade your filter later if you wanted to.

There are five models in the S7 range including the S 7210 (Lemon Yellow), S 7280 Allervac (White), S 7510 AutoCare (Metallic Red) and S 7580 AutoCare Hepa (Metallic Blue).

Pros: Excellent pet hair removal, excellent cleaning on carpet and hard floors, good dust and allergen retention quiet, long reach, low energy consumption

Cons: Heavy

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Ease of use	
General use	★★★★☆
Emptying	★★★★★
Cleaning stairs	★★★☆☆
Manoeuvrability	★★★★☆