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Robot vacuum guide

From all-in-one vacuum and mop robots to simple budget models, we compared the latest robot vacuums on cleaning, docks and features, with who each one suits.

The 10 at a glance

#	Robot	Best for	Mops	Self-emptying	Good for
1	Dreame X60 Max Ultra Complete	Best overall	Yes	Yes	Hands-off cleaning
2	Roborock Qrevo Curv	Best for most homes	Yes	Yes	Mixed floors
3	Roborock Saros 10	Best for pet hair	Yes	Yes	Pet owners
4	Eufy Omni E25	Best roller mop	Yes, roller	Yes	Hard floors
5	Shark PowerDetect 2-in-1	Best mid-range	Yes	Yes	Everyday cleaning
6	Eufy X10 Pro Omni	Best value all-in-one	Yes	Yes	Value seekers
7	iRobot Roomba Max 705 Vac	Best vacuum-only	No	Yes	Carpets and rugs
8	Dyson 360 Vis Nav	Best for deep carpet cleaning	No	No	Thick carpets
9	iRobot Roomba 105 Vac + AutoEmpty	Best value self-emptying	No	Yes	Smaller budgets
10	Roborock Q7 M5	Best budget	Basic	Check bundle	Small homes

Quick answers

Are robot vacuums worth it?

For most homes, yes. They keep floors tidy day to day, though you'll still want a stick or upright vacuum for stairs and deep cleans.

Can a robot vacuum replace a normal vacuum?

Not completely. It handles daily cleaning well, but it can't do stairs, sofas or tight spaces.

Do robot vacuums work on carpet?

Yes. For thick carpet, choose a robot with strong suction and a good brush, and one that lifts its mop when it detects carpet.

How to choose a robot vacuum

Which type do you need?

A quick way to narrow down the list.

Mostly hard floors	Lots of carpet	Pets at home	Tight budget
Kitchens, wood, tiles	Rugs and bedrooms	Shedding dogs or cats	Small home
Vacuum + mop	**Strong vacuum**	**Anti-tangle brush**	**Basic vacuum**

1 Look at your floors first

If your home is mostly hard floors, a vacuum and mop robot saves the most time. If it's mostly carpet, prioritise suction and a good brush over mopping features.

2 Plan for pets

Pet hair wraps around brushes quickly. Look for anti-tangle or rubber brushes, strong suction and a self-emptying dock so you're not emptying a small bin every day.

3 Decide how hands-off you want it

Basic robots need you to empty the bin and clean the mop. All-in-one docks empty the dust, wash and dry the mop and refill water, but they cost more and take up more space.

4 Check the navigation

LiDAR and camera-based navigation map your home accurately, let you set no-go zones and clean room by room. Cheaper robots without proper mapping can miss areas.

5 Factor in running costs

Self-emptying docks often use bags, and mops, brushes and filters need replacing over time. Check the price and availability of spare parts before you buy.

6 Make space for the dock

All-in-one docks can be large. Measure where it will go, and make sure the robot has room to get in and out easily.

Your checklist

Tick things off as you go.

BEFORE YOU BUY

- [ ] List your floor types (hard, rugs, carpet)
- [ ] Note pets and how much they shed
- [ ] Measure the space for the dock
- [ ] Set a budget, including spare parts

SET-UP DAY

- [ ] Tidy cables, socks and small items
- [ ] Run a first mapping clean
- [ ] Name rooms and set no-go zones
- [ ] Add mop-free zones for rugs

EVERY FEW WEEKS

- [ ] Empty the dock bag or bin
- [ ] Clean the brush and remove hair
- [ ] Rinse the dock's water tanks
- [ ] Wipe the sensors

EVERY FEW MONTHS

- [ ] Replace the filter
- [ ] Replace the side brush
- [ ] Replace mop pads or rollers
- [ ] Check for app and firmware updates

See the full list online

All 10, with pros and cons and who each one suits.

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