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WHAT IS IT?

A rechargeable handheld vacuum cleaner designed to replace cordless models.

PRICE

\$500-\$700 depending on included accessories.

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If you don't live in a mansion, it can definitely replace a corded vacuum.

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At maximum power, battery life is under 10 minutes.

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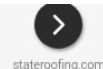
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As someone who obsesses over clean floors, five or six years ago I would have balked at the idea of giving up my corded Dyson vacuum that could clean for hours on end. But eventually,

even with a limited run time, the [rechargeable Dyson DC59](#) slowly started to replace my corded upright vac. And ever since the [Dyson V8](#) arrived two years ago, the predecessor to the new Cyclone V10, my corded Dyson upright has remained untouched in a closet.

If you live in an oversized McMansion with countless rooms to maintain, or if you prefer to let messes pile up until you have to spend an entire day cleaning your home, a rechargeable vacuum might not be for you. But if you hate cords and dragging around heavy appliances, and are OK with a continuous cleaning routine where you deal with spills or messes as they happen, the improvements Dyson has made to the new Cyclone V10 means you might be able to ditch your uprights.



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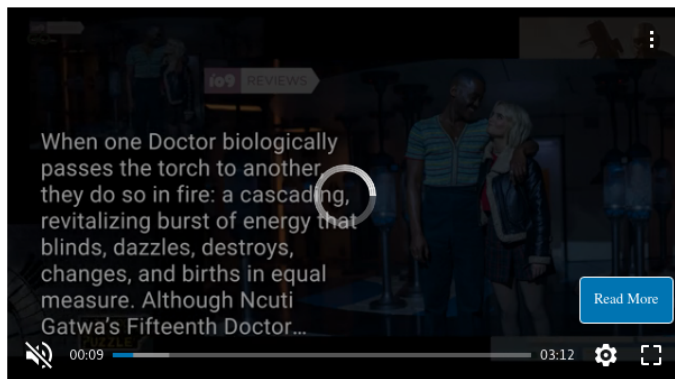
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Dyson has also changed the orientation of the Cyclone V10's dust bin, facilitating an improved 'point-and-shoot' method for emptying it. It's definitely a lot easier to dump its contents into a trash can without spilling dust everywhere, but the release mechanism now includes a locking latch that I've already forgotten to re-lock after emptying it, causing the bin to inadvertently pop open when I didn't want it to.



If you forget to lock this lever, the Cyclone V10's dust bin might accidentally pop open and empty when you don't want it to. Photo: Andrew Liszewski (Gizmodo)



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There's now just a single filter to forget to clean on the Cyclone V10. Photo: Andrew Liszewski (Gizmodo)

Adjustable power settings is probably the feature that will make or break the Cyclone V10 for some people. The vacuum undoubtedly features some impressive and expensive tech, but the one area where Dyson's R&D teams have limited control over innovation is battery tech. Dyson claims you can clean for a full hour on a single charge—which is 20 minutes more than it promised with its predecessor, the

Cyclone V8. But in reality, that would be under the most ideal conditions using an un-powered accessory to clean up minimal dirt on the vac's lowest power setting.

In my tests, battery life with the Cyclone V10 was definitely shorter, depending on how and where I used it. Cleaning carpets clogged with dirt would demand using the vacuum with its direct-drive cleaning head attachment at its Max setting. That net me just over eight minutes of cleaning time before the vac's battery died. Eek.



Battery life is still the biggest roadblock to ditching your corded vacuum. Photo: Andrew Liszewski (Gizmodo)

Yet if your carpets aren't so filthy, switching to the Cyclone V10's lowest power setting (which still sucked up enough dirt to fill the dust bin in about 15 minutes) scored me a more respectable 37 minutes on a full charge.

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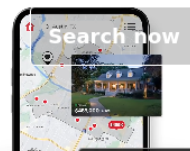
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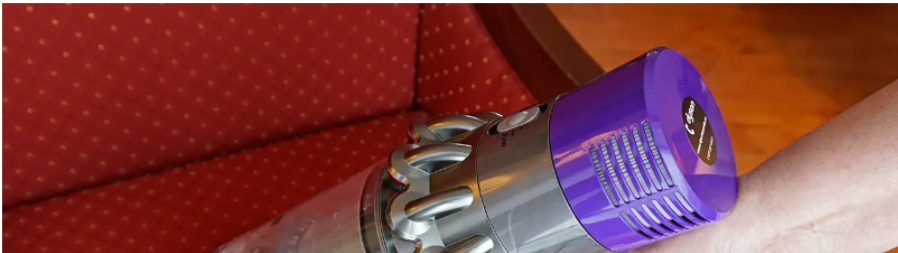
If you've only got hardwood floors at home, switching to Dyson's newest cordless vacuum will be a lot easier. Photo: Andrew Liszewski (Gizmodo)

Is it finally time to switch to a cordless vacuum? Yes, but only if you're willing to work around the Cyclone V10's limitations. Dedicating an entire Saturday once a month to vacuum your entire home will no longer be an option, but since the Cyclone V10 is lighter and more convenient to use than a clunky upright vacuum, you'll find yourself reaching for it more often, and staying on top of messes before they get out of hand.

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I ditched a corded vacuum for Dyson's cordless models years ago, and the Cyclone V10 makes that transition even easier. It's certainly best suited to apartments, condos, and smaller homes featuring hardwood floors, but living in a giant house isn't a deal breaker. If you're able to deal with Dyson's sticker shock (the Cyclone V10 ranges in price from \$500 to \$700, depending on included accessories) the added conveniences of cutting the cord is definitely worth the inconveniences.



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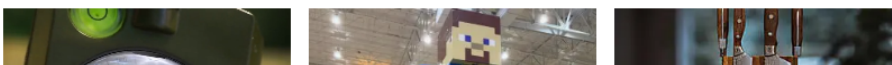
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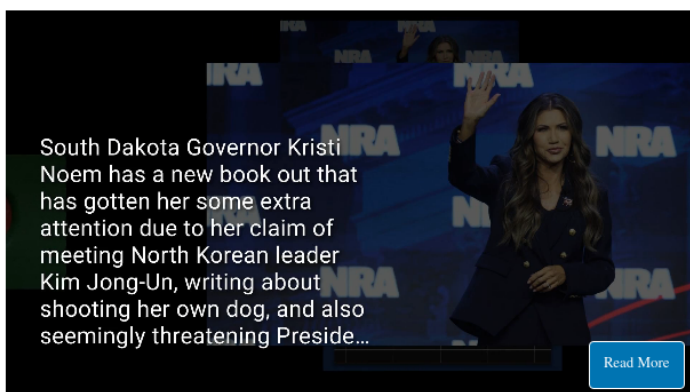
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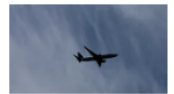
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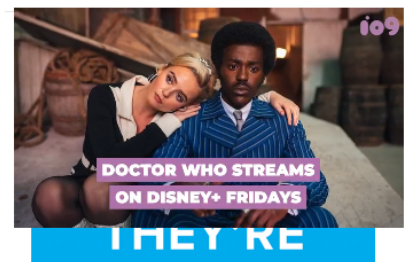
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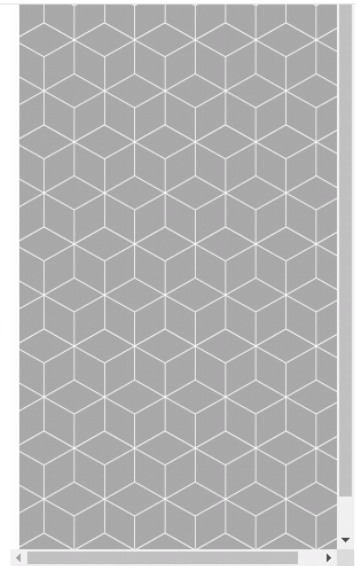
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