

## Shark navigator lift-away professional nv370 reviews

I bought the Shark Navigator to augment a Neato robotic vacuum and overall have been fairly pleased with it after some heavy use, though I'm fairly certain minus one attachment there's not much difference. Pros: - Powerful suction, it's pulled up stuff the Neato never did or could, given how much faster the Shark's dust bin filled. If the suction is too powerful (tall, shaggy carpet presumably) you can even release some of it to customize it. - Light weight. A lot of reviews complain about the weight, but I think that's more just design flaws (see my third con). This thing is pretty light and I can't see a vacuum worth using being much lighter. Remember, most of that weight is going to be the mechanical system giving it that suction power. Especially in upright vacuum configurations for your various cleaning needs. - Great on flat carpet and hardwood floors. My house has no pile carpets, just the flat kind with hardwood floors in other rooms. The Shark Navigator has a separate mode for hardwoods where the brushes don't spin and it works wonders on them, even without using the lift away configuration attachment designed to clean them more thoroughly. Cons: - Bizarre design for the dust bin makes you need to empty it from the bottom, then flip it upside down and empty it again. And there's still lots of little corners and edges to trap dust and dirt inside the bin. - Small footprint in upright vacuum configuration means it'll take more passes to clean a larger area. - No light on front, this seems a bit weird for a vacuum of this quality and price. - Despite being built around the lift-away configuration, where you get to use the hose and carry the dust bin torso of the vacuum... the implementation is really half-baked. Carrying the unit by the dust bin torso of the vacuum... the implementation is really half-baked. Carrying the unit by the dust bin torso of the vacuum... be for this. As a taller person, I can say this required a lot of bending over to do any cleaning. - To remove the dust bin and torso of the vacuum from the floor unit for the lift-away configuration, you have to bend over to push a red release switch near the bottom of the unit. This could have been a foot pedal or something more convenient, but no, it's a finger-operated release switch that requires you to bend over. - In upright vacuum configuration, the dustbin is so massive that the unit, they're sold separately. An 8 inch crevice tool just isn't going to cut it! As a note, some reviews do complain that it loses suction power after several months, though I suspect many of those reviews haven't bothered to wash out the foam filters are also dirt cheap for this vacuum. I know I had a long list of cons, but they're each pretty minor. I'd love to see all of that addressed in future models, but nothing in there is a deal breaker. Collectively all of those served to knock only a single star off. All in all I'm pretty pleased with this vacuum, especially for its price bracket. I definitely don't regret picking it up! © 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates The Navigator Life-Away does a fantastic job at cleaning soft floors and picking up pet hair. It is among the easiest to use and handle that we have encountered. If you are shopping on a budget or mainly focused on soft floors, this is a great option. Performance with an excellent price, making it a fantastic option when shopping on a budget. Credit: Jenna Ammerman This is the first thing that comes to mind when most people think of a vacuum cleaner, and as such is our most heavily weighted metric at 35%. We used a handful of different types of debris — flour, Cheerios, rice, and oats — on both low-pile and medium-pile carpets to test the carpet cleaning competency of each vacuum. For the first assessment — rice — the Navigator delivered an excellent performance. It collected almost all of the rice, including the fragments and the dust, from low-pile carpet with only two passes. We noticed, however, that the brush head isn't quite as wide as some of the other models, so it does take slightly longer to clean an entire room. This vacuum also did very well with fluffier carpet, though it took 3-4 passes to adequately clean all of the rice from the carpet. The Navigator got most of the rice in a single pass, with only a light cleanup pass required to get the floor totally clean. Credit: Austin Palmer The Navigator got most of the floor totally clean. Credit: Austin Palmer The Navigator got most of the floor totally clean. However, we discovered a decent amount of residual flour left in the carpet on closer inspection, especially on the flat, low-pile carpet. The Navigator finished out this metric with a solid performance in our final two cleaning tests: cereal and oatmeal. It got most of the Cheerios with two passes over the flat carpet but did require a third pass to get a handful of leftover fragments from when it crushed up the cereal. It performed a bit worse on the fluffier carpets, taking multiple passes to successfully clean up all of the Cheerios, mainly due to the fact that it kept pushing them around, rather than actually sucking them up. The Navigator did very similarly in the oatmeal collection challenge, but it pushed them around less on the fluffy carpet. The Navigator handles most messes on carpet with ease. Credit: Jenna Ammerman Ease of Use Next, we ranked and scored each vacuum on how easy it was to clean under furniture and along the edges of a room, as well as assessing maximum reach and noise levels. Additionally, we also awarded points if the vacuum had different types of flooring. The Navigator Lift-Away again delivered a very good performance. This appliance cleaned in very close to the edges and corners of a room, only leaving a tiny bit of debris behind in areas that it couldn't reach. It cleaned decently well under furniture, reaching about 9" under our simulated sofa. The maximum reach is average, reaching roughly 31' away from the outlet where it is plugged in. The Navigator is also on the quiet side for these products, only registering about 73 dBa on our SPL meter. It didn't emit any particularly high-pitched or other irritating tones. The selector switch allows you to turn the rotating brush on and off. Credit: Jenna Ammerman Unfortunately, this vacuum lacks different modes for different types of floors. This is something that most other models have and allows you to select between flat carpet, fluffy carpet, and hard floors. However, it does allow you to turn the rotating brush on and off when switching between hard floors and carpet. The Navigator Professional is one of the easiest and most convenient to use vacuums that we have tested. Credit: Jenna Ammerman Handling For our handling metric, we evaluated how maneuverable each product was, as well as how easy it felt to push and pull. We also looked at the ease of cleaning a flight of stairs, though it doesn't have the longest reach, only able to clean about 7 steps at a time. However, this isn't a huge issue, as the Navigator isn't particularly heavy, weighing in at just 14.4 lbs. This vacuum is exceptionally maneuverable, having a swivel head that makes it very easy to navigate quickly and easily around obstacles while cleaning. It also only takes a mild effort to push or pull, allowing you to clean your floors quickly and easily, without adding in an unwanted workout. The swivel head makes this vacuum very maneuverable. Credit: Jenna Ammerman Hard Surface Cleaning performance of each product. However, this metric is only worth 10% of the final score, as the vast majority of users will primarily clean carpet with a vacuum. The Navigator again did well, though not quite as well as it did at cleaning carpet. This vacuum started off with a strong performance in our rice collection test, collecting all of the rice in a single pass. We used the bare floor option for all of these tests, so the main brush does not spin. It did almost as well at collecting oatmeal, though it required a quick cleanup pass to get a few stragglers. However, weren't terribly impressed with the ability of the Navigator made its pass. Credit: Austin Palmer It got most of the flour in two passes, but the wheels collected a decent amount of that and tracked it across the floors as we continued to vacuum. It also failed to extract any of the flour that fell in the cracks between boards, even after a multitude of passes. This model also struggled a bit at collecting the Cheerios, tending to push them around when going forward and crushing them up when going backward, making an even bigger mess in the process. This type of scenario would be better served by a broom. The Navigator isn't amazing on hard floors, but it still does an above average job. Credit: Jenna Ammerman Pet Hair For the remaining 10% of the total score, we evaluated and ranked how each vacuum did when it was tasked with specifically collecting pet hair. We used hair donated by a local groomer and spread out 5 grams of hair on a section of medium-pile carpet, pressing it in. We then measured how much hair each vacuum collected. The Navigator Lift-Away is an all-around excellent vacuum that retails at an even better price, making it one of the better values that you can get when shopping for a new upright vacuum. Conclusion While the Shark Navigator Life-Away doesn't do amazing at cleaning up fine debris from this minor flaw, this vacuum delivered a notable performance in practically every other test, making it a great choice on its performance merits alone. On top of that, it retails for a great price — significantly less than some of the other top models — making it a solid choice when shopping on a budget. This vacuum does an excellent job of cleaning up after your furry friends!Credit: Jenna Ammerman