

Participatory Research (Hoovering The Bedroom)

Research Method And Positives And Negatives:

Disability	Positives	Negatives
Social Media • Facebook • Facebook Messenger • Instagram • WhatsApp • Snapchat	1. I was able to use a variety of social media platforms in order to reach out to as many people as I could in order to collect valuable responses. These include, Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Instagram, WhatsApp and Snap chat. 2. I was able to receive a number of responses from a variety of different people. A good of these were responses of people I didn't personally know either which makes the results from them more important. 3. I was able to target a lot of uni students on a Facebook page and also another local community group I am apart of. 4. I was able to contact people quite easily through private messages and comments on my Facebook post. This also means that it was easy to keep a track on the responses from everyone including the pictures they sent me off their hooovers. 5. My friends were able to help me try to get more responses from more people by sharing my post on Facebook. This allowed me to try and broaden my responses as different age groups of people would answer differently from others. For example teenagers and students tend to be quite brief with their answers unlike parents and other adults tend to go into more detail.	1. I wasn't able to get a more of a variety of responses from people I don't know because some people only liked the post on Facebook and just scrolled passed it. 2. I had some valid responses of directing it for using the hoover in the bedroom environment but a lot of people just told me in general problems they have with it. They are still applicable and still would encounter those problems whilst hoovering the bedroom but their answers aren't so clear. 3. Some peoples responses were quite blunt and didn't really get into a lot of detail about their problem they encounter so I wasn't able to fully understand what they meant without trying to get them to confirm and even then they still didn't go into much detail. 4. A lot of people listed the best parts about their hoover and responded with praise so they didn't quite get the purpose of what I wanted them to do which may have been my fault with the description I posted on Facebook. 5. As I was only restricted to using social media the majority of the responses I received were from people I knew like family, friends, work colleagues and friends of friends. This may have effected their responses as my friends would be fairly brief with their descriptions and then my family would be a bit more detailed with their answers which was a lot more useful.

Recommendations / Improvements:

1. I would improve that the bag inside the hoover should be much bigger than it normally is in most hooovers or even possibly not have a mechanism like what Dyson vacuums have but one thats much easier to use
2. I would also improve the cord on the vacuum by removing it all together to make it easier for the user to use by either using battery power or create a small station where the vacuum can be charged, similar to the Dyson design but maybe a larger scale to hold all the added equipment.
3. I would also focus on what the materials are used and the wight of all the components as a lot of people have mentioned the weight of their hooovers so I would try and make it a lot lighter for them like the Gtech AirRam
4. 4. Suction of the different vacuums have poor suction and cant carry out the full hoovering job. So it needs to be adapted so that its more powerful or even have different power modes to choose from.
5. There should also be a hair blocking system, like they have on pet hooovers, so that the hair that has been hoovered up doesn't get stuck in the hoover and also doesn't affect the suction of it either.

Key Findings

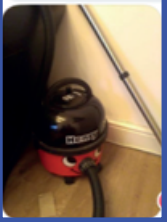


Amazing hoover for dog hair and kid crumbs. Downside having to clear out the hair that gets caught up in the... Err brush bit and the handle extension doesn't lock in place much anymore

Jem Jones mum loves her hoover and said she has no issues with it, i sometimes find it is a bit heavy to carry up and down stairs



This is Henry from my house. I don't like it. It's heavy to carry on the third floor. And I don't how to clean the dust bag. When I clean, I have an impression that the it dries the air and makes it dusty. Hope this info helps you. Good luck with your assignment 😊



<was an art student, no project is considered weird in my house 😊
Here we have a cordless henry in the wild, he's not got the suction of a corded one, but is light and easy to use, 2 batteries are handy, especially with pets and kids. Good luck with your course!



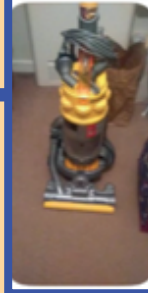
Best hoover I've ever had for suction power, got great attachments so it works on all floor surfaces, long cord. Negatives are it's quite heavy, wish it was cordless, has to be emptied often and I wish it was less bulky.



Mostly need to use the brush bar, which drains the battery too quickly. Vax Blade



It's heavy but works wonders, I've had it nearly 15 years bought it in Hameln

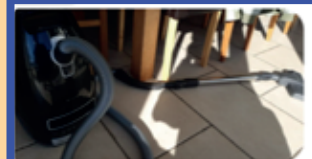


Problems with it include it doesn't have a powerful suction and the cord is annoying and keeps interfering, it's also very awkward to empty!



shark duo clean

Cordless and lightweight it was great when we got it- about 2 years ago. Now it's suction is poor. It was about £250 so not cheap. I love that it is cordless with 2 rechargeable batteries



Here is my hoover

Hoover

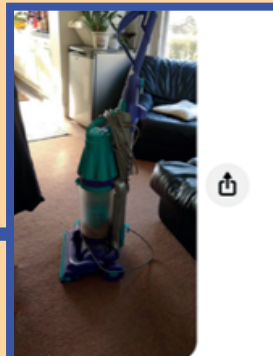
Hard to clean as requires a bag

Which often to gets to full

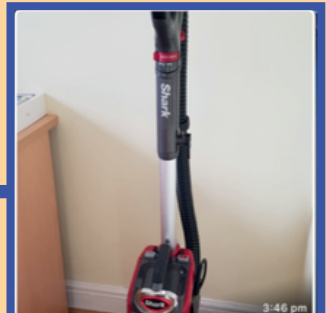
Filter also needs to be replaced

Hard to move around and causes you to bend down because the Hoover is so low

Also stairs are hard to clean as there's nowhere for the hoover to sit and so u have to carry the Hoover whilst hoovering



This is the one at my house jem, I'd say it's old, extremely heavy and really awkward to move around



Falls over when using the extension and small reservoir