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Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC) with Mobile Phones

Some mobile phones and hearing devices (hearing aids and cochlear implants), when used together, result in buzzing, humming, or whining noises detected by the user. Some hearing devices are more immune than others to this interference noise, and phones also vary in the amount of interference they generate.

The wireless telephone industry has developed ratings for some of their mobile phones, to assist hearing device users in finding phones that may be compatible with their hearing devices. Not all phones have been rated. Phones that are rated have the rating on their box or a label on the box.

The ratings are not guarantees and results will vary depending on the user's hearing device and hearing loss. If your hearing device happens to be vulnerable to interference, you may not be able to use a rated phone successfully. Trying out the phone with your hearing device is the best way to evaluate it for your personal needs.

M-Ratings: Phones rated M3 or M4 meet FCC requirements and are likely to generate less interference to hearing devices than phones that are not labeled. M4 is the better/higher of the two ratings.

T-Ratings: Phones rated T3 or T4 meet FCC requirements and are likely to be more usable with a hearing device's telecoil ("T Switch" or "Telephone Switch") than unrated phones. T4 is the better/higher of the two ratings. (Note that not all hearing devices have telecoils in them.)

Hearing devices may also be measured for immunity to this type of interference. Your hearing device manufacturer or hearing health professional may help you choose the proper rating for your mobile phone. The more immune your hearing aid is, the less likely you are to experience interference noise from mobile phones.

For more information about hearing aid compatibility, visit the FCC's Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Web site at www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro.

Label for packaging

Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC) Rating: Mx

Where x is 3 or 4 from HAC report