

EasyLink+

User Guide



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Welcome

EasyLink+ by Phonak is a very easy to operate and flexible transmitter with built in microphones. One push of the button and the finely tuned internal microphone in EasyLink+ picks up sound.

EasyLink+ is compatible with all Phonak receivers. To obtain maximum benefit from the EasyLink+ transmitter and its comprehensive features, please read this user guide carefully. Ask your hearing care professional if you have any questions.

Phonak wishes you much hearing enjoyment with EasyLink+.

The following symbols appear in this user guide:

 Important notes for all users.

 Special notes for users of Phonak hearing instruments with remote control compatibility.

Please also check www.phonak.com for additional FM information

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EasyLink+ and accessories

① EasyLink+ _____



② EasyLink+ home and travel case _____



③ Adapter for external connections _____



④ Audio cable _____



⑤ Charging unit _____



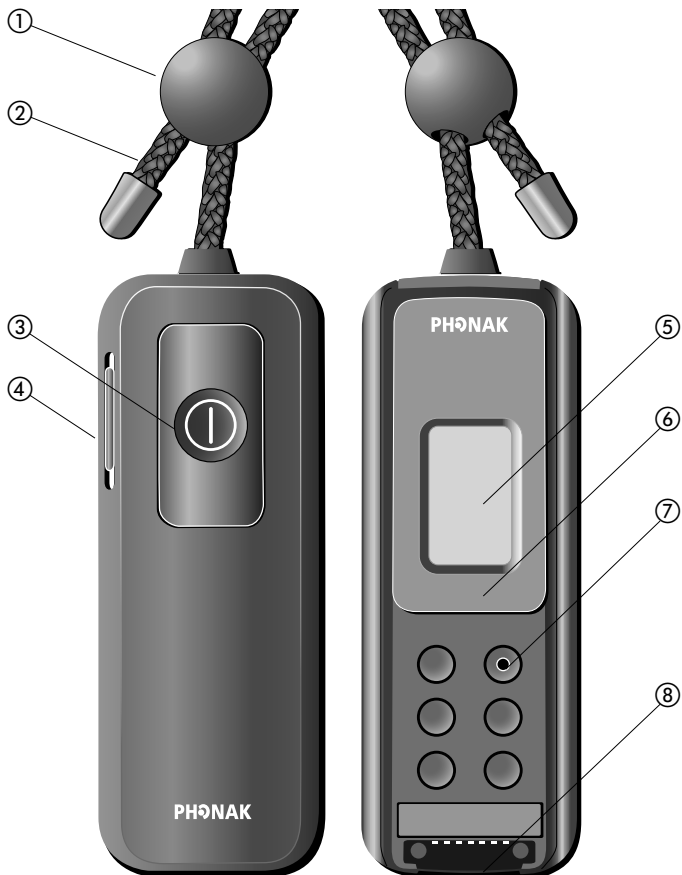
⑥ MyLink* _____



* EasyLink+ is compatible with all Phonak FM receivers. The easy to use MyLink receiver is shown above.

All accessories can be ordered separately.

User interface



① Button to adjust the lavalier length

② Lavalier with integrated antenna

③ ON/OFF switch

Switching EasyLink+ ON:

Long press (~1 second) on the button

Switching EasyLink+ OFF:

Long press (~1 second) on the button

④ Microphone opening

⑤ Display

⑥ Clip

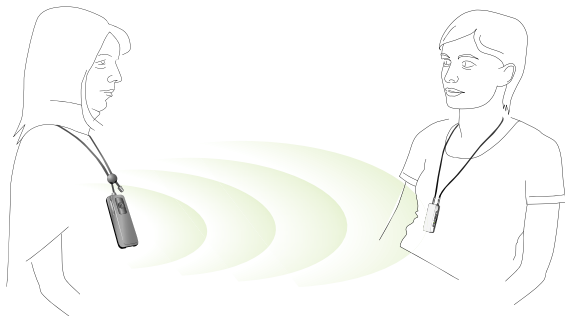
⑦ For hearing care professionals:

Pen push for frequency change

⑧ Interface for external connections

How your EasyLink+ works

EasyLink+ picks up your partner's voice and instantly relays it to your receiver, e.g. MyLink. The receiver sends it directly into your hearing instruments.



Your partner
wears EasyLink+
around the neck

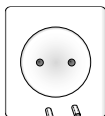
You wear your hearing
instruments and the
FM receiver, e.g. MyLink

In places where you are not satisfied with the performance of your hearing instruments alone, e.g. in noisy environments, EasyLink+ will always provide you with a loud and clear speech signal.

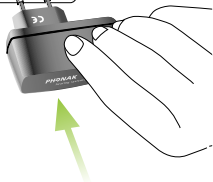
Getting started

Charging EasyLink+

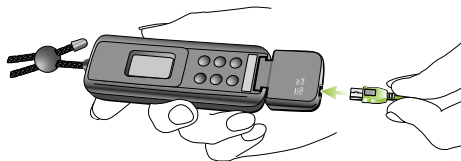
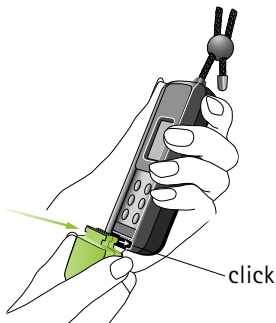
EasyLink+ contains a built in Lithium-ion battery with fast-charge capability. A fully discharged battery takes around 2 hours to recharge. The battery will be about 80% charged within an hour.



Plug the charging unit into the power socket.



Attach the EasyLink+ adapter for external connections

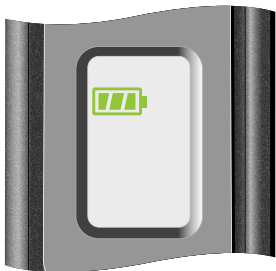


Plug the charging unit into the mini USB socket

 Use only original Phonak charging units

Getting started

- The battery symbol in the EasyLink+ display flashes during charging. The battery cannot be over-charged.
- The battery symbol stops flashing when EasyLink+ is 100% charged.
- EasyLink+ operates for approximately 10 hours when fully charged.
- Make sure the socket outlet is easily accessible.



Switching EasyLink+ ON / OFF

To switch ON:

Press and hold the ON/OFF button for one second (long press).

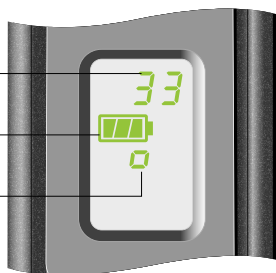
To switch OFF:

Press and hold the ON/OFF button for one second (long press).



When switching ON, the EasyLink+ shows startup information. When the EasyLink+ is ready, the following information appears:

- FM channel number _____
- Battery status _____
- Microphone setting: **0** or **n** or **!** _____
(only visible during start-up)



Switching EasyLink+ ON/OFF

At start-up, EasyLink+ automatically selects the most recently used FM channel.

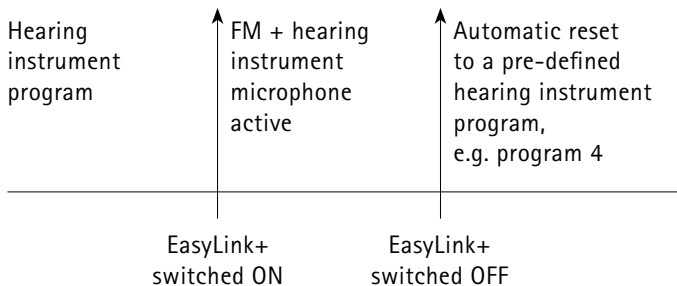
EasyLink+ automatically synchronizes Phonak multichannel receivers to this channel, if the distance between EasyLink+ and the Phonak receivers is less than approximately 8–10 inches (20cm).

You may hear a beep tone when the synchronization is completed.

For customers using Phonak hearing instruments that are compatible with analog remote controls:

- At start-up, EasyLink+ automatically sets digital Phonak hearing instruments with remote control compatibility to the “FM + M” program. Your hearing care professional can change this setting to “FM only”, if required.
- At switch-OFF, EasyLink+ automatically resets digital Phonak hearing instruments with remote control compatibility to the hearing instrument program.
- Hearing instruments need to be within the operating range of the remote control built into EasyLink+. This range is approximately 8–10 inches (20cm).

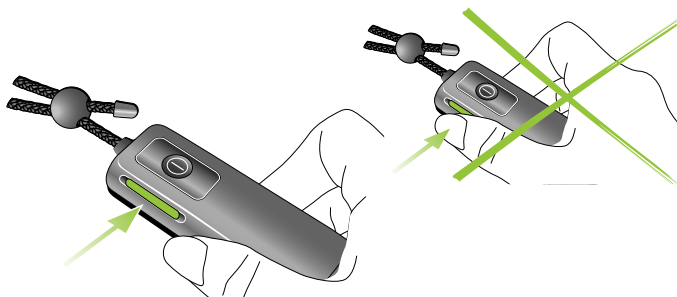
Example of the automatic hearing instrument program setting:



Please ask your hearing care professional about the actual program setting for your particular hearing instrument.

Microphone opening

⚠ Do not cover the microphone openings with your fingers when EasyLink+ is in use. It will affect the sound quality.



Using EasyLink+

EasyLink+ can be used in different ways, depending on the situation. The following examples illustrate the most common cases for typical EasyLink+ use.

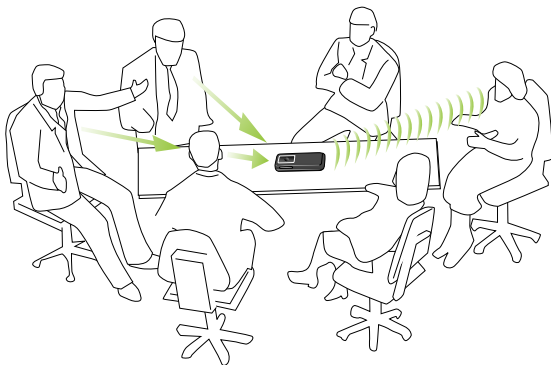
EasyLink+ placed on the table

Recommended use:

- In restaurants
- In conferences
- At home
- At business meetings

Discussion partners

You



How to use EasyLink+:

- Place it on the table. The front of EasyLink+, where the lavalier is attached, should point to the speakers that you want to hear. If you use the omni-setting, the orientation of EasyLink+ has no influence, as sound is picked up from all angles.
- Make sure the lavalier is not folded together or knotted.
- Switch ON EasyLink+ by holding down the ON/OFF button.

Reporter style

Recommended for conversation in noisy conditions with one or more talkers close by, like:

- at parties
- in shopping malls



How to use EasyLink+:

- Hold it in your hand. Make sure you do not cover the microphone opening on the left-hand side of EasyLink+. The front of EasyLink+ should point at the speaker(s) you want to hear.

Worn by your partner

Recommended for conversations with one person:

- Speaker in an auditorium
- Traveling with another person
- On walks
- During sport
- At home



How to use EasyLink+:

- Pass EasyLink+ to your conversation partner.
- Your partner should wear it around the neck.
The cord needs to be adjusted as depicted below.

⚠ To ensure optimal speech quality, make sure the distance between the speaker's mouth and EasyLink+ is between 8–10 inches (20–30 cm).

- Switch ON EasyLink+ by holding down the ON/OFF button.



Connecting to a TV

Connect EasyLink+ to your TV or other multimedia device to enjoy crystal clear in-the-ear audio without disturbing others.



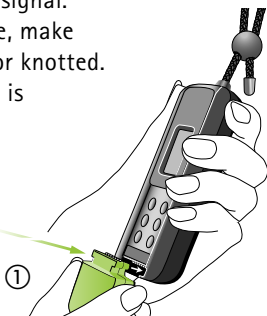
In addition to TV, this function is suitable for use with:

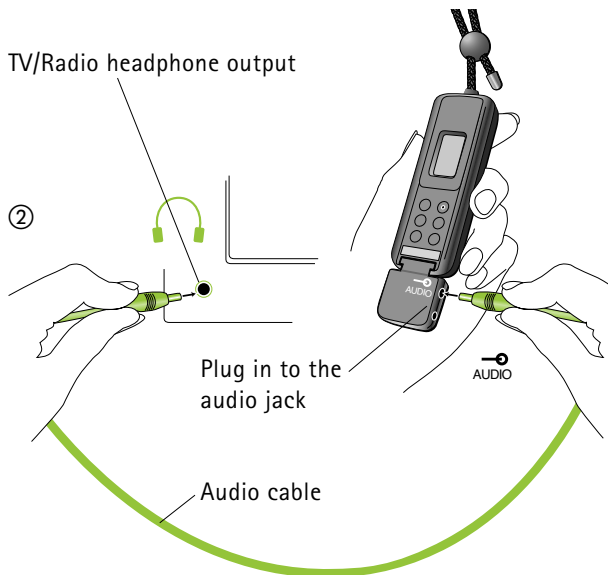
- CD players
- Radio receivers
- Computers and laptops with audio outputs
- MP3 players
- Any other audio devices with a headphone output

How to use EasyLink+:

- Make sure EasyLink+ is switched OFF.
- Connect EasyLink+ – as pictured overleaf – and place it in front of the television or multimedia device.
- Switch ON the television. Your EasyLink+ will automatically switch ON after it detects an audio signal.
- To ensure maximum operating range, make sure the lavalier cord is not folded or knotted.
- When the television or audio device is switched OFF, EasyLink+ will automatically switch OFF after approximately 40 seconds.

Connect the adapter for external connection



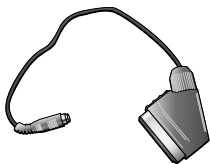


The volume of the audio output on some televisions is adjustable. Please consult your television's own user guide to learn about this feature, if available.

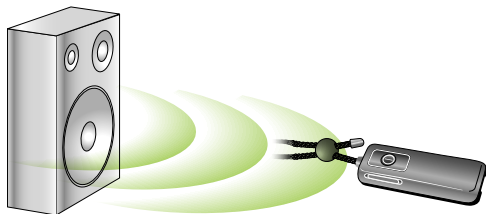
For devices without headphone output sockets:

If your TV or audio device does not provide a headphone output socket, you can connect EasyLink+ to your device's Cinch or Scart socket instead. Just ask your hearing care professional for the Phonak Scart or Cinch adapter.

Scart adapter



Cinch adapter



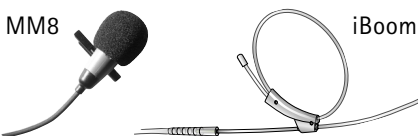
EasyLink+ can also be placed in front of the loudspeaker of the television or the radio receiver. Then switch ON EasyLink+ and the television.

Special functions

Using an external microphone

The EasyLink+ can be used with an external mini clip-on microphone (called MM8) or a miniaturized boom microphone (called iBoom). This can be beneficial in a variety of situations such as college lectures or presentations, or when using EasyLink+ in the car.

- The letter **A** on the display means that the EasyLink+ is relaying an audio signal from an external microphone or source, such as a TV set.
- Use the lavalier antenna to ensure optimal operating range.



Switch ON EasyLink+ and connect the external microphone.

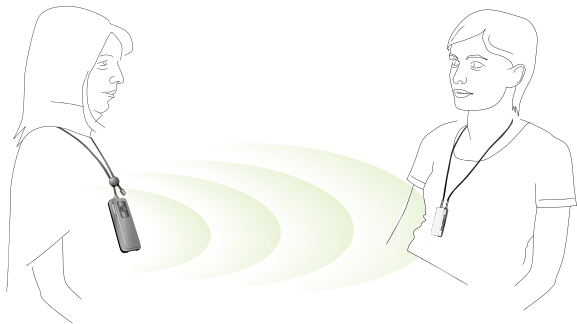
- ⚠** MM8 features a separate ON/OFF switch. Ensure that the MM8 is correctly switched ON!

Plug in here: MICRO



Operating range

The operating distance is the distance between the speaker talking into EasyLink+ and the hearing instrument user with MyLink or any other Phonak receiver.



Speaker using EasyLink+

Listener using MyLink or
any other receiver

The maximum distance is typically more than 50 feet (15 m) indoors and more than 130-170 feet (40-50 m) outside.

⚠ High-power electronic equipment, larger electronic installations and metallic structures may affect and significantly reduce the operating range.

For professionals

Changing the FM channel

If the radio channel used in EasyLink+ is frequently disturbed by an external source of interference, the hearing care professional can switch EasyLink+ to another radio channel.

- 1) Switch ON EasyLink+ by pressing the ON/OFF button for one second.
- 2) Using a pen, press the push button, as pictured. After one second, the channel displayed in the LCD will change. Hold the button down until the desired channel is displayed.
- 3) Release the button. The channel number in the LCD will stop blinking after a few seconds.
- 4) Set the default channel of the MyLink or MicroLink receivers to the same channel using the FM SuccessWare.



Restarting EasyLink+

In case of a system problem, EasyLink+ can be restarted by simultaneously pressing the ON/OFF key and the pen push key.



pen push key

When these buttons are pressed, the EasyLink+ will switch itself OFF and restart automatically.

In case of a system error, EasyLink+ displays the error code for ten seconds and restarts afterwards automatically.

Displaying the firmware version

Should you need to know the firmware version of your EasyLink+, press 5 times the pen push key (short presses) .

- The ARM firmware version is displayed. e.g. "c123".

2 seconds later...

- The DSP firmware version is displayed. e.g. "d-1_2".

2 seconds later...

- The second part of the DSP firmware version is displayed. e.g. "d+FFF"

Optional charging unit

Phonak offers an optional twin charger for EasyLink+, for use when two EasyLink+ devices need to be charged simultaneously. It is also suitable for use with any other Phonak FM transmitter that features a mini-USB charging socket.

 Only use original Phonak charging units for your EasyLink+!

Trouble shooting

Situation

EasyLink+ does not switch ON.

Radio interference.

Voices are inaudible when
the EasyLink+ is switched ON.

Poor speech intelligibility.

Most probable cause	Remedy
Battery exhausted.	Charge the EasyLink+ (2 hours minimum).
Extraneous cause: radio antenna or similar interfering devices nearby.	Change channel (see page 25).
a) Hearing instrument set to wrong program. b) Receiver switched OFF. c) Radio frequency not synchronized.	a) Check hearing instrument program. b) Switch ON receiver. c) Switch EasyLink+ OFF and ON by holding it close to the FM receivers.
EasyLink+ is positioned too far away from the speaker.	Move the EasyLink+ closer to the speaker.

FM receivers

An FM System consists of an FM transmitter – such as EasyLink+ – and in most cases two FM receivers.

There are different types of FM receivers available:

- Miniaturized universal Dynamic FM receivers such as Phonak's MLxi. MLxi can be used with both Phonak and many other brands of hearing instrument.
- Design integrated, miniaturized Phonak Dynamic FM receivers such as ML12i, ML11i, ML10i and ML9i. These receivers are tiny in size and designed to fit the style and form Phonak's hearing instruments.
- Induction-based FM receivers such as Phonak's MyLink.

If you have any questions regarding FM receivers, consult your hearing care professional or visit www.eschooldesk.com

 **EasyLink+ should only be used with Phonak FM receivers.**

Important notices

- Do not use your EasyLink+ in a place where it is prohibited to use electronic devices, e.g. on airplanes or in hospitals. If in doubt, please ask the person in charge.
- Persons with pacemakers or other medical devices should ALWAYS consult their physician, the manufacturer of their pacemaker, or other medical device BEFORE using EasyLink+. The use of EasyLink+ with a pacemaker or other medical devices should ALWAYS be in accordance with the safety recommendations of the physician responsible for your pacemaker or the pacemaker manufacturer.
- Do not use two or more EasyLink+ transmitters on the same FM channel.
- Please note that radio signals might also be picked up and overheard by other people.
- Before using EasyLink+ in another country, contact your hearing care professional to make sure the use of your radio channels is permitted in that country.
- Do not use water or other liquids to clean the EasyLink+.
- Only use original Phonak accessories.
- Only use the original Phonak EasyLink+ charger.
- Your EasyLink+ should only be repaired at an authorized service center.

Declaration of conformity

Hereby, Phonak Communications AG, declares that the EasyLink+ is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC.

To obtain a copy of the Declaration of conformity, please contact the local Phonak AG representative, whose address can be taken from the list of Phonak distributors worldwide.

This device complies with part 15 and part 95 of the FCC rules and with RSS 210 of Industry Canada.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device don't cause harmful interference and (2) must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

The transmitter is authorized by rule under the Low Power Radio Service (47 C.F.R. Part 95) and must not cause harmful interference to TV reception or United States Navy SPASUR installations.

You do not need an FCC license to operate the transmitters. The transmitters may only be used to provide: auditory assistance to persons with disabilities, persons who require language translation, or persons in educational settings; health care services to the ill; law enforcement tracking services under agreement with a law enforcement agency; or automated maritime telecommunications system (AMTS) network control communications. Two way voice communications and all other types of uses not mentioned above are expressly prohibited.

Warning:

Changes or modifications made to this equipment not expressly approved by Phonak may void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Service and warranty

Phonak provides a manufacturer's limited warranty for your EasyLink+. This covers all manufacturing and material defects. Problems with EasyLink+ arising from improper handling or care and repairs made by an unauthorized party are not covered by the warranty.

Please ask at the point of sale for full details of this warranty. The salesperson will note the serial number of your EasyLink+ below. It will be needed in the event of a warranty repair.

EasyLink+ Serial number:

Date of purchase:

FM receiver(s) Serial number(s):

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The CE symbol is confirmation by Phonak AG that this Phonak product meets the requirements of directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices and the R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC on Radio and Telecommunication Terminal Equipment. The alert sign means that potential restrictions on its use are applicable in one or more EU countries.



This symbol indicates that it is important that the user refers to associated warnings given in this user guide.



The symbol with the crossed out disposal bin indicates that this device should not be treated as household waste. Please hand over your old or unused device to the applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment or bring your old hearing instrument device to your hearing care professional for appropriate disposal. By ensuring this product is disposed of correctly, you will help prevent potential negative effects on the environment and human health.

Operating conditions

This product has been designed for trouble-free operation without restrictions when used as intended, unless otherwise stated in this user guide.

Transportation and storage conditions

Temperature should not exceed limits of $-20^{\circ}/60^{\circ}$ Celsius at a relative air humidity of 65% for extended periods during transportation and storage. Air pressure between 500 and 1100 hPa is not detrimental to this device.

