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We unequivocally advocate for the manufacturing and fitting of “ADA-Access-Ready” hearing instruments that connect to ADA assistive listening systems via telecoil (hearing loops, FM, and infrared), and in the future, potentially Auracast™ technologies. These fully “ADA-Access-Ready” hearing instruments will require:

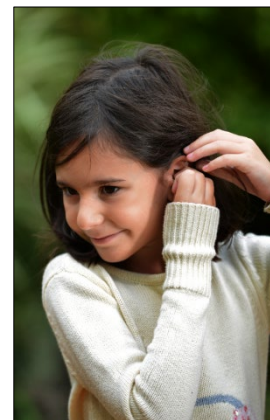
1. Both telecoil and Auracast connectivity embedded in the hearing instruments, and not merely offered in an accessory device.
2. Direct-to-hearing instrument connections for both telecoils and Auracast. No intermediary device shall be required, at least for connection to the dedicated assistive listening stream.

Auracast™ Broadcast Audio used as part of an Assistive Listening System (ALS) is a future option for facilities. To date, there are no sites that have installed this technology.

- [What is needed for Auracast streamed ALS to be available and usable](#) (2 pages)
- [Assistive Listening Systems Quick Guide](#) (1 page) Easily compare 5 ALS

The hearing device brands and models listed below come equipped with a telecoil, and some have added Auracast capability. Instruments that have a telecoil in an accessory are not included because they are one more thing to remember, charge, and troubleshoot – as well as adding complexity and barriers for individuals with limited dexterity, limited cognitive abilities, or limited tech familiarity.

The Center for Hearing Access does not endorse any device. For hearing aid reviews, visit [HearingTracker](#) or another reputable review website. For cochlear implant comparison, visit [Cochlear Implant Help](#) or [American Cochlear Implant \(ACI\) Alliance](#). Please email revisions and additions to the Center for Hearing Access.



“ADA-Access-Ready” Hearing Instruments [telecoils]

ADA-compatible devices: Telecoils create connectivity to ADA-compliant assistive listening systems (hearing loops, FM, infrared), now and years into the future.

Hearing Aids

- Audicus: Omni 2
- Lexie Lumen: OTC
- Miracle-Ear, CONNECT™: BTE SP 13 EV
- Oticon, More: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, miniBTE R, miniBTE T
- Oticon, OPN Play: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, BTE PP
- Oticon, OPN S: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, BTE PP
- Oticon, Own: Customs ITC, HS and FS (option)
- Oticon, Play PX: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, miniBTE R, miniBTE T
- Oticon, Real: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, miniBTE R, miniBTE T
- Oticon, Ruby: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, BTE, BTE PP
- Oticon, Xceed: BTE SP, BTE UP

“ADA-Access-Ready” Hearing Instruments List

- Oticon, Xceed Play: BTE SP, BTE UP
- Oticon, Zircon: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, miniBTE R, miniBTE T
- Philips, HearLink: 9040 (included); ITC, ITE HS, ITE FS (option)
- Phonak, Naida: L-SP and L-UP
- Phonak, Audeo: L-RT
- ReSound: ENZO Q, LigoTM
- Signia, TruHearing: Horizon IX, RIC 7AX
- Starkey, S Series: RIC
- Starkey, Genesis: AI RIC RT
- Starkey, Evolve: BTE/RIC
- Unitron, Inera B-312 NW O and Inera B-10 NW O
- Unitron, Max UP
- Unitron, Moxi Jump RT
- Unitron, Moxi V-RT
- Unitron, Stride V-M, Stride V-SP, Stride V-UP, Stride B-UP

Cochlear Implants

- Advanced Bionics
- Cochlear, N7
- Med-El, Sonnet 2

“ADA-Access-Ready” Hearing Instruments [Auracast and telecoils]

Future need: In the future, if you decide to purchase new hearing instruments, consider adding Auracast in addition to your telecoil. These brands currently offer models with Auracast-ready or -enabled capability.

Hearing Aids

- Beltone, Serene SERx64-DRW
- Jabra Enhance 20 RIE 62
- Oticon, Intent, miniRITE R (rechargeable)
- Phillips, Hearlink 9050
- ReSound, Nexia RIE 62 (disposable)
- Resound, Savi RIE 62 (disposable)
- Resound, Vivia RIE 62 (disposable)
- Rexton, Reach optional telecoil
- Signia, IX
- Starkey, Edge AI: RIC RT & CROS, ITE R

Cochlear Implants

- Cochlear, N8

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About the Center for Hearing Access

Founded in 2024, the nonprofit Center for Hearing Access is a national advocacy and education initiative of The John G. Shedd Institute in Eugene, OR. We champion and educate users, sites, audiologists, and hearing instrument specialists about all ADA-compliant assistive listening systems and other strategies to increase access to theaters, libraries, conferences, government offices, courtrooms, places of worship, and other public and private spaces. Effective hearing access can be life-changing for people with hearing loss to maintain community engagement.

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