

“ADA-Access-Ready” Hearing Instruments List

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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 are 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, very few facilities have installed this technology.



Handouts (Center for Hearing Access)

- [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) and assistive listening systems (1 page)
- [What Is Needed for Auracast Streamed ALS to Be Available and Usable](#) (2 pages)
- [Assistive Listening Systems Quick Guide](#) (3 pages) Easily compare 5 technologies
- [Assistive Listening DEVICE vs. Assistive Listening SYSTEM: What is the Difference?](#) (2 pages, pdf)
- [Hearing Loss and The Need for Assistive Listening Systems](#) (2 pages, pdf)

Articles

- Roberts, C. (6/13/2025). [Make Your Hearing Aids Work Harder](#). *Consumer Reports*.
- Whyman, W. (Spring 2025) [“A Push for Hearing Devices that are ‘ADA-Access-Ready’](#) *Hearing Health Foundation*, Quarterly publication. 4 pp.
- Childers, L. (8/27/2025). [Auracast™ and Hearing Aids: What to Know](#) *Healthy Hearing*.
- Sterkens, J. (4/21/2025) [“Response To Consumer-Regarding Regret Not Having Auracast in Hearing Aids”](#) by (2 pages, pdf)

ADA Standards and Auracast streamed assistive listening systems. It is too soon to say if Auracast products meet the ADA, as the international standards are not expected until late 2027.

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 **excluded** from this list 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](#), [Consumer Reports](#), 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.

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

ADA-compatible devices: Telecoils create connectivity to ADA-compliant assistive listening systems (hearing loops, FM, and infrared), now and for years to come. Today and well into the future, *telecoils can be used to connect with **Auracast streamed** assistive listening systems by using [neckloops](#).*

Hearing Aids, Over the Counter (OTC)

- Lexie Lumen

Hearing Aids, prescription

- Audicus: Omni 2
- Audigy AGX-E miniRITE R (rechargeable)
- Audigy AGX-O-F miniRITE R (rechargeable)
- Miracle-Ear, CONNECT™: BTE SP 13 EV
- Oticon, More: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, miniBTE R, miniBTE T (all rechargeable)
- 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
- 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) (Costco)
- Phonak, Naida: L-SP and L-UP
- Phonak, Audeo: L-RT and L
- Phonak, Audeo Marvel M-RT
- Phonak, Audeo Paradise P-RT
- Rexton Reach R-Li T (rechargeable)
- ReSound ENZO Q, Ligo™
- Signia, TruHearing: Horizon IX, RIC 7AX, Pure TIX
- Starkey, S Series: RIC
- Starkey, Genesis RT: AI RIC RT
- Starkey, Evolve RT: BTE/RIC
- TruHearing TH 7 RIC LI T (rechargeable battery)
- 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
- Widex, Allure RIC R D (rechargeable battery)
- Widex, Moment BTE R D (rechargeable battery) and Widex Moment M-XP (custom, 312 battery)



Auracast receiver with neckloop.

Equipment shown: Top: ListenTech/Ampetronic. Bottom: WilliamsAV.

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Cochlear Implants

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

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Future need: At some point, in the next 5-7 years, if you decide to purchase new hearing instruments, having Auracast in your hearing aids and cochlear implants can **“future-proof”** them with the developing Auracast technology.

Some manufacturers (such as Signia and Widex) are intentionally waiting and not jumping (or rushing) into Auracast for several reasons, including the lack of an international installation IEC standard (to be finalized in 2027), product development/research, the highly sparse Auracast installations around the world, and waiting for the technology to evolve.

Read more about [Auracast](#) (webpage)

Confirm your instruments include Auracast **in addition to telecoils**. Both need to be **built into the instrument itself**, and not as an accessory. Unless otherwise mentioned, the brands below offer models with:

- Auracast capability, either
 - “Auracast Ready” – has hardware chip (cannot current connect)
 - “Auracast Enabled” – has both hardware and firmware and can connect NOW
- and built-in telecoils (t-coils)

Hearing Aids

- AGX-O, B500/400/300/200 RITE (rechargeable)
- Beltone, Serene SERx64-DRW (disposable battery)
- Jabra, Enhance Pro RIE 13 (disposable battery - Costco)
- Oticon, Intent, miniRITE R (rechargeable)
- Phillips, HearLink 9050 (Costco)
- ReSound, Nexia RIE 62 (disposable battery)
- Resound, Savi RIE 62 (disposable battery)
- Resound, Vivia RIE 62 (disposable battery)
- Signia, Pure Charge&Go TIX RITE (rechargeable)
- Starkey, Edge AI: RIC RT & CROS, ITE R (rechargeable)
- Starkey, Omega RIC RT and ITE (both rechargeable)

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. 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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