

“Worldwide Access” Hearing Instruments List

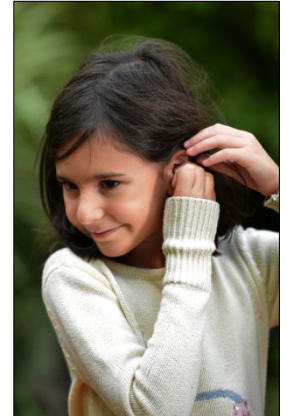
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We unequivocally advocate for manufacturing and fitting hearing instruments that connect to assistive listening systems via telecoil (hearing loops, FM, and infrared), and the slowly emerging Auracast™ broadcast used as an assistive listening system.

Facilities are required to provide assistive listening systems for people with hearing loss under various disability laws around the world.

These hearing instruments require:

1. Both telecoil and Auracast connectivity are embedded in the hearing aids, cochlear instrument processors, and implants, 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.



	Types of Assistive Listening Systems			
	Hearing Loop	FM/RF	Infrared	Auracast Broadcast
Auracast connector				✓ with smartphone or assistant
Telecoil connector	✓ no extra equipment needed (easiest to use)	✓ with neckloop	✓ with neckloop	✓ with neckloop

Telecoils create connectivity to 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 broadcast** assistive listening systems by using [neckloops](#) or [ear hooks](#).*

Auracast Broadcast used as an assistive listening system

- To date, less than 2% of facilities have installed Auracast broadcast, and over the next decade it is forecasted to become the dominant technology. It will take time to develop this ecosystem.
- It is too soon to say if assistive listening system installations can meet a specific country's disability laws; one contributing factor is that the international standards (IEC 60118-17) are not expected until late 2027.
 - Without international standards and practical, reputable third-party proof-of-concept testing, site and user equipment may be incompatible, may not fully work, users may need to use equipment differently, and other unforeseen problems may present themselves during this time.

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Disability laws

- [Legislation and building regulations](#). 2018. (Ampetronic manufacturer, 8 pages, pdf)
- [Global Disability Legislation](#). 2021. (Williams AV, 9 pages, pdf)
- [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) (ADA) standards for assistive listening (webpage and resources, including a 1-page summary)

About the Lists

- 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. They also add latency.
- In the United States, this list refers to hearing instruments that give the user access to ADA Law-mandated assistive listening systems. Earlier versions of this document referred to them as “ADA-Access-Ready” hearing instruments.
- 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](#).

Hearing Instruments [built-in Auracast and telecoils]

These instruments can connect you to ANY assistive listening system:

- Telecoil (no borrowed equipment): hearing loops
- Telecoil with borrowed neckloop: FM/RF and Infrared
- Auracast broadcast (no borrowed equipment): using your smartphone or assistant

Future need: In the next 5-7 years, if you decide to purchase new hearing instruments, having Auracast in your hearing aids and cochlear implant processors (in addition to telecoils) can “future-proof” them as the technology develops.

Some manufacturers appear to be waiting for Auracast releases, perhaps because of the lack of an international standard (to be finalized in late 2027), ongoing product development cycles, research, the highly sparse number of Auracast installations worldwide, and/or waiting for the technology to evolve.

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 currently connect)
 - “Auracast Enabled” – has both hardware and firmware and can connect NOW
- **and** built-in telecoils (t-coils)

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Hearing Aids, Prescription

- AGX-O, B500/400/300/200 RITE (rechargeable)
- Beltone, Serene SERx64-DRW (disposable battery)
- Bernafon, Encanta MiniRITE, miniBTE
- GN, Danalogic Extend (Typically provided through the UK's NHS)
- Jabra, Enhance Pro RIE 13 (disposable battery - Costco)
- Oticon, Intent, miniRITE R (rechargeable)
- Oticon, miniRITE T, miniBTE T 85, and BTE T 105 (disposable battery)
- Oticon, Reveal (all Reveal models use rechargeable batteries)
- Oticon, Verit (all Verit models use disposable batteries)
- Phillips, HearLink 9050 (Costco)
- Resound ENZO IA (rechargeable)
- ReSound, Nexia RIE 62 (disposable battery)
- ReSound, Nexia BTE 77 (rechargeable)
- ReSound, Savi RIE 62 (disposable battery)
- ReSound, Sensia RIE 62 (disposable battery)
- ReSound, Vivia RIE 62 (disposable battery)
- Signia, Pure Charge&Go TIX RITE (rechargeable) Introduced in 2023. Auracast Ready
- Signia, Pure C&G MaX Introduced in 2026. Auracast Ready
- Starkey, Edge AI: RIC RT & CROS, ITE R (rechargeable)
- Starkey, Omega RIC RT and ITE (both rechargeable)
- Widex, Allure RIC R D (rechargeable battery) Introduced in 2025. Auracast Ready
- Widex, Allure AI RIC R D Introduced in 2026. Auracast Ready

Cochlear Implant Processors

- Cochlear, N8 Introduced late 2022. Auracast Ready

Hearing Instruments [built-in telecoils]

These instruments can connect you to ANY assistive listening system:

- Telecoil (no borrowed equipment): hearing loops
- Telecoil with borrowed neckloop: FM/RF, Infrared, and Auracast broadcast

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)



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Hearing Instruments [built-in telecoils] cont.

- Oticon, Play PX: miniRITE R, miniRITE T, miniBTE R, miniBTE T
- Oticon, Play SI (pediatric) miniBTE R (Behind-The-Ear)
- 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 (Introduced in 2024)
- Phonak, Audéo: L-RT and L (Introduced in 2022)
- Phonak, Audéo Marvel M-RT (Introduced in 2018)
- Phonak, Audéo Paradise P-RT (Introduced in 2020)
- Rexton, Reach R-Li T (rechargeable)
- ReSound, ENZO Q, LigoTM
- 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



Auracast receiver with neckloop.

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

Cochlear Implant Processors

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

Manufacturer Contact Information

Have a question, wish to suggest a feature, or need to submit a [complaint](#)?

- General contact information for [hearing aid manufacturers](#) (webpage with numerous hyperlinks)

Templates and ideas to support your writing:

- [Google Reviews](#). Leave a positive or constructive review
- [Templates-Complaints and Feedback](#). Templates for you to adapt if you need features/capabilities and don't have them, or something isn't working

When writing suggestions, feedback, and complaints, it's recommended that you try to include more than one email address, in case it doesn't work or goes to spam.

Please reach out to the Center for Hearing Access for more info, questions, or letter templates.

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Handouts and Resources

Key Consumer handouts by the Center for Hearing Access

- [Places](#) where assistive listening systems are required under the ADA (includes 1 page handout)
- [Telecoil instructions](#) to take to your audiologist to add a “telecoil program” (1 page, pdf)
- [How to Use Hearing Loops, FM/RF, IR Assistive Listening](#) (1 page, pdf, includes graphics)
- [How to Use Auracast](#) (1 page, pdf, includes graphics)

Other handouts

- [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)
- [Assistive Listening Systems Quick Guide](#) (3 pages) Easily compare 5 technologies
- [What Is Needed for Auracast Streamed ALS to Be Available and Usable](#) (2 pages)
- More handouts and info about [Auracast](#) (webpage, Center for Hearing Access)

Campaigns

- [Hands Off Our Telecoil!](#) European Federation of Hard of Hearing People (EFHOH)



Articles

- Roberts, C. (5/7/26). [It's One of the Best Hearing Aid Features. Many Still Aren't Using It.](#) *Consumer Reports*.
- Roberts, C. (2/12/26). [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.

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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.

The Center for Hearing Access provides educational and informational resources and does not endorse any product, business, or service.

Please email the Center for Hearing Access at info@chaShedd.org

- If you need a different handout format
- Revisions and additions to this list

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