3M Occupational Health & Environmental Safety Division Catalogue for Hearing Protection Products







Introduction

Take your safety personally

3M, the world's leader in safety and protective equipment, is proud to have the Peltor $^{\text{TM}}$ and E-A-R $^{\text{TM}}$ Brand range as part of its product offering.

3M[™], Peltor[™] and E-A-R[™] Hearing Protection for noisy and hazardous environments are renowned world leaders. With more than 50 years of experience, the Peltor[™] and E-A-R[™] together with the 3M Branded hearing portfolio promises superior quality products that provide an optimal balance of comfort and protection.

It is our goal is to ensure that we satisfy your needs through the provision of exceptional leadership, expertise, quality and service excellence. With our global technology, manufacturing and knowledge network we do more than simply develop products that help your workforce to operate in safety and comfort. The advanced engineering and technology inherent with the 3M[™], Peltor[™] and E-A-R[™] Brands fit with the high standard of quality and innovation of a continuously evolving range of product solutions that you, our customers, come to expect from 3M.



Protection all the way

Our mission is to help protect people at work, at home, for life. We believe that health and safety is the priority in any working environment and that greater comfort improves worker protection, resulting in enhanced productivity and safety compliance. In addition to protecting people, our ambition is to protect the environment as well. It is, therefore, our declared goal to develop and use safe products that have the least possible impact on people, the environment and the workplace.

Long lasting innovations

To deliver on our commitment requires a culture of accountability, customer inspired innovation, knowledge and expertise, fuelled by a deep understanding of our customer needs.

The 3M[™], Peltor[™] and E-A-R[™] Brands, trusted as leaders in hearing protection, together with the 3M Brand offer a comprehensive line of earplugs, banded earplugs and earmuffs. The products provide optimal fit capability with other personal protection equipment.

Working together

3M is more than just products. We work closely with distributors, safety professionals and companies to protect employees exposed to hazardous environments. With offices around the world, 3M can help our customers succeed everywhere.

Partnership in safety

Many renowned companies have chosen Peltor™ Products for optimum safety at work. With customised printing, embossing and other solutions, our products can also help enhance the value of your brand.

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GREEN Optime™ ALERT SYSTEM

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RNR* < 85dB(A)

Hearing protection is not compulsory but is made available to workers for their comfort and protection

E-A-R™ Ultrafit™ 14 Earplugs - SNR 14dB

E-A-R™ E-A-Rflex™ 14 Earplugs - SNR 14dB

YELLOW Optime™ ALERT SYSTEM 10

83 dB(A) - 93 dB(A)

You are above the level, hearing protection is compulsory.

- 10 E-A-R™ E-A-Rsoft™ 21 Earplugs SNR 21dB
- 22 E-A-R™ Ultrafit™ 20 Earplugs SNR 20dB
- 23 E-A-R™ ClearE-A-R™ 20 Earplugs SNR 20dB E-A-R™ Tracer™ 20 Earplugs - SNR 20dB
- 24 E-A-R™ Ultratech™ Earplugs SNR 21dB
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RED 1 Optime™ ALERT

87 dB(A) - 98 dB(A)

You are above the level, hearing protection is compulsory. Ideal for high frequency noise.

- 10 E-A-R™ Classic™ Earplugs SNR 28dB
- 18 E-A-R™ Express™ Earplugs SNR 28dB
- 24 3M™ 1261/1271 Earplugs SNR 25dB
- 30 E-A-R™E-A-Rcaps™ Earplugs SNR 23dbB E-A-R™Flexicap™ Earplugs - SNR 23dB
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- 35 Peltor™ Optime™ I Earmuff SNR 26/27/28dB (depending on the version)
- 36 Peltor™ Bulls'eye™ I Earmuff SNR 27dB
- 37 Peltor™ H 31 Earmuff SNR 27/28 dB (depending on the version)



RED 2 Optime™ ALERT SYSTEM

94dB - 105dB(A)

You are above the level, hearing protection is compulsory. Ideal for high and medium frequency noise.

- 11 E-A-R" Classic" Corded Earplugs SNR 29dB
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- 39 Peltor™ Push to Listen™ Earmuff SNR 29/31dB (depending on the version)
- 40 Peltor™ Bulls'eye™ II Earmuff SNR 31dB



PLEASE NOTE:

At levels above 95dB(A) you will need an

accurate noise assesment to correctly select the

product. Green and Yellow marked products are

not suitable for use in low frequency noise.

(*RNR = Recommended Noise Rating)

RED 3 Optime™ ALERT SYSTEM

95 dB(A) - 110 dB(A)

You are above the level, hearing protection is compulsory. Ideal for all frequencies.

- 11 E-A-R™ Classic™ Soft Earplugs SNR 36dB
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3M™ Earmuffs

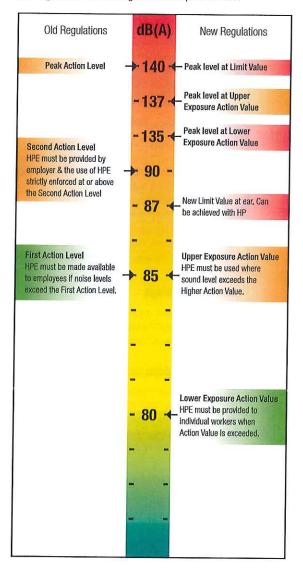
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EC Noise Legislation

Old Regulations Vs New Regulations Comparison Chart



Under The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 noise legislation employers must provide suitable hearing protection where noise exceeds 80dB(A), all EU member states should have complied with the new directive as of February 2006.

Continued exposure to noise above 80dB(A) may cause permanent hearing damage. Many employees not affected under previous legislation will now have to be considered. For example people working in light industry, utility workers, bar staff and public service employees may now be exposed and must be provided with adequate protection.



Choosing the correct hearing protection for your needs can be difficult; the hearing protectors should neither over nor under protect the user. With this in mind 3M has an easy to use selection sytem for E-A-R $^{\text{TM}}$ and Peltor $^{\text{TM}}$ products that aids the correct selection of hearing protection appropriate to the noise level.

Our system uses a simple, logically coloured classification to make the selection process easy. It has its roots in the highly appreciated marking used on the $Peltor^{TM}$ Optime TM range. The difference is that it is wider, i.e. covering more noise situations.

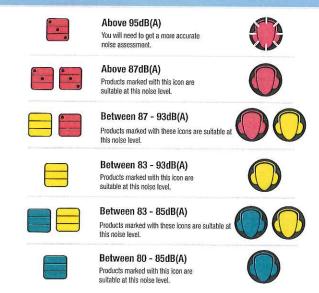
Step by step guide to using the Optime™ Alert System and Sound Check Meter

1.

Measure the noise level

There are several ways of doing this: you may already know what your noise level is, you could get a detailed noise assessment or use the OptimeTM Alert System - Sound Check to establish your noise band.

Alternatively you could use the Sound Check. Simply deploy the meter at the employees work station and let it sit until the coloured display has stabilised, this then indicates the average noise level in that area.



Optime[™] Alert System



Our system uses a simple, logically coloured classification to make the selection process easy. Firstly find out what your noise level is, then look at the icons below and establish which noise band (RNR) your noise level falls into. Take note of the icon and choose from the wide range of products featuring the correct icon.

PLEASE NOTE:

At levels above 95dB you will need an accurate noise assesment to correctly select the product. Green and Yellow marked products are not suitable for use in low frequency noise.

*RNR = Recommended Noise Rating



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You do not have to wear
hearing protection,
but make it available



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87 dB(A) - 98 dB(A)
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94dB(A) - 105dB(A)

You are above the permitted exposure level hearing protection is compulsory, Ideal for high and medium frequency noise.



95 dB(A) - 110 dB(A)
You are above the permitted exposure level hearing protection is compulsory, Ideal for

Sound Check Meter

3M also has a simple sound level indicator for its E-A-R™ and Peltor™ products that complements the Optime™ Alert System by establishing which colour code you need to follow. You simply deploy the meter at the employees work station let it run until the display has stabilised, this then indicates the average noise level in that area and the type of protection suggested.

The display indicates the period of time the unit has been active in 1 hour increments up to a maximum of an 8 hour working day. The Sound Check meter must be restarted between measurements.

Supplied with

UK Power Supply Euro Power Supply Optional hard case

Product Code

OptimeTM-sound-metuk OptimeTM-sound-meter OptimeTM-sound-case

Hard Storage / Carry Case

This strong, lockable rigid case provides a high level of protection for your Sound Check Meter. The meter is held securely in place by high density foam for protection against impact and vibration. Integral to the lid of the case is a document holder to store records, posters or other documentation.





2.

Identifying the corresponding icon

Using the Sound Check Method

If you are using the Sound Check Meter all you have to do is match up the coloured display with the chart opposite. On the left of the chart it identifies which icon should be exhibited on the hearing protection.

Using your own noise level measurement

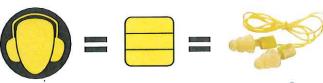
If you are using your own measurement or a measurement taken by another competent person then you simply look at the Optime™ Alert System above and identify which RNR - Recommended Noise Rating - your level falls under and record the icon above.

3.

Choosing hearing protection

By now you will know which icon on the Optime Alert System relates to your noise level, simply check the icon next to the related product.





E-A-Rfit[™] System



Wearers' ear canal shapes are different hence fitting methods are different, resulting in different protection levels. To help you understand the individual protection needs of each wearer, use the new E-A-R™ Validation System by 3M.



Innovative F-mire process is quick simple and accurate

Unlike conventional tone response tests, E-A-RFit™ system is an F-MIRE (field-microphone-in-real-ear) test. Key features to this innovative system are:

- Exclusive Probed E-A-R™ Hearing Protectors Including a selection of foam and pre-moulded products (see bottom of page).
- Dual Element Microphone
 Measures sound inside and outside the ear.
- Advanced Algorithm
 Utilises transfer function measurement approach to acquire reliable data in less than eight seconds.
- Proprietary Application Software
 Provides enhanced metrics for guidance in the application of the measured insertion loss values.





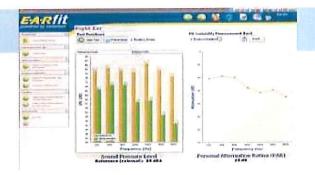
Real Fit = Real Results

The subject fits their own protector for actual on the job readings. The technician then connects the microphone to the hearing protector's tube, leaving the other microphone exposed so that noise levels are measured inside and outside the ear.



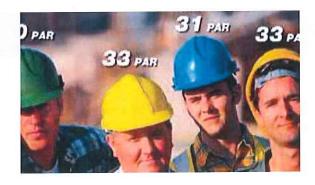
Personal Attenuation Rating (PAR) For Each Worker In Minutes

It only takes eight seconds to obtain data at seven standard (125Hz to 8000Hz) frequencies. You'll know the level of protection each worker receives from each tested protector.



Data Is Documented For Future Reference

Each worker's personal attenuation rating (PAR) results will be automatically documented and stored by the technician. This information is valuable for comparison during subsequent tests and prove useful if later called upon to provide it . A copy of the results will also be provided to your company's Hearing Conservation Manager.



Test Compatible With A Variety of E-A-R™ Hearing Protectors

Protection levels can be validated with many different E-A-RTM Hearing Protectors. This selection includes specially-probed versions of foam and premoulded earplugs.



E-A-Rfit™ compatible Earplugs



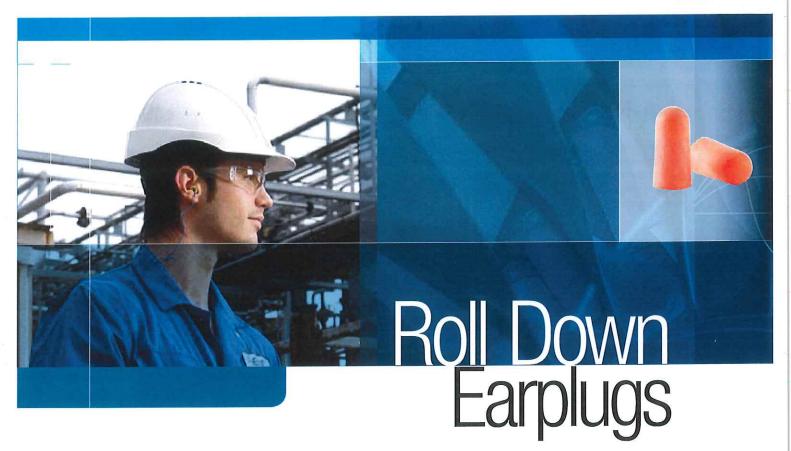












Roll down earplugs, made from expandable slow-recovery foam, provide the best combination of comfort and protection for most users. Once in the ear, foam plugs expand to provide a snug and secure custom fit.

3M provide a wide range of disposable roll down PU earplugs to choose from to help you find the best solution for your individual needs.



3M[™] Roll Down Earplugs

E-A-R[™] E-A-Rsoft[™] 21 Earplugs







For noise levels up to 93dB(A) the E-A-Rsoft™ 21 Earplug is the ideal disposable hearing protector. It provides the correct hearing protection level whilst being easy to use. It simply pushes into the ear canal, requiring no roll down and helps ensure a correct fit.

Available with cord	х
Moisture Resistant	х
Reusable	х
Metal Detectable	x
Slow recovery foam	1
No roll down required	1



Product E-A-Rsoft 21 Product code

ES-01-009

E-A-R[™] Classic[™] Earplugs

E-A-R™ Classic Earplugs are made from a soft energy absorbing polymer foam which provides excellent hearing protection and all day comfort. Ideal for use where noise is a problem, either in work or leisure activities.

E-A-RTM Classic Small Earplugs are also available for users who are looking for all the benefits of the standard size but who want greater comfort in smaller ear canals.

Available with cord	/
Moisture Resistant	/
Compatible with other PPE	/
Reusable	/
Metal Detectable	х
Slow recovery foam	/
No roll down required	X











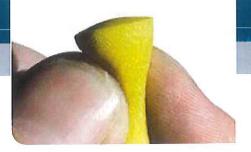


Available with cord





Product	Product codes
Pillow Pack	PP-01-002
5 Pair	FP-01-000
One Touch Refill	PD-01-001
One Touch Top Up	PD-01-009
Classic Small	AM-01-000



E-A-R[™] Classic[™] Corded Earplugs









E-A-RTM Classic Corded Earplugs offer all the benefits of the E-A-RTM Classic Earplug, with the addition of an easy-to-see blue vinyl cord.

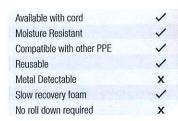
Available with cord	/
Moisture Resistant	1
Compatible with other PPE	1
Reusable	1
Metal Detectable	X
Slow recovery foam	/
No roll down required	X



Product Classic Corded Product code CC-01-000

E-A-R[™] Classic[™] Soft[™] Earplugs

As the foam warms to the body temperature, it becomes softer and shapes to the individual's ear canal. This 'shaping' allows the earplugs to form an excellent seal against noise, and as time goes on, the foam continues to soften for added comfort.













Available with cord





Product	Product code
Pillow Pack	PP-01-800
Uncorded Polybag	PR-01-004
Corded	PR-01-005
5 Pair	FP-01-800
One Touch Refill	PD-01-800

3M[™] Roll Down **Earplugs**

E-A-R[™] Superfit[™] Earplugs

E-A-R™ SuperFit™ Earplugs are the only earplug with the unique 'fitting ring' to which identifies when the earplug is correctly fitted. When no orange colour is visible, the best fit is achieved. E-A-R™ SuperFit™ 36 Earplug is ideal for those looking for higher attenuation. E-A-R™ Superfit™ 33 Earplug is smaller in diameter and height to fit smaller ear canals, or those looking for slightly lower attenuation.

Available with cord	х
Moisture Resistant	/
Compatible with other PPE	/
Reusable	1
Metal Detectable	х
Slow recovery foam	1
No roll down required	х



Superfit 33 Earplug

Product Pillow Pack **Product codes**

SF-01-000 One Touch Refill PD-01-007

Superfit 36 Earplug

Product Superfit 36

Product code SF-01-003

3M[™] 1120 / 1130 Earplugs

A unique articulated shape for optimum fit, particularly useful for short or narrow ear canals. The soft hypoallergenic foam material provides maximum comfort and low pressure inside the ear. Its special formulation material makes these plugs less prone to soak up water in humid environments to maintain performance. The smooth surface helps prevent picking up unwanted dirt for a more hygienic fit.

The soft braided cord (1130 only) helps to remove plugs after use and prevent their loss.

Available with cord	1
Moisture Resistant	X
Compatible with other PPE	1
Reusable	X
Metal Detectable	х
Slow recovery foam	1
No roll down required	X







Product **Product codes** Uncorded 1120 Corded 1130 Refill Bag 1120R



E-A-R[™] **E-A-RSoft Yellow Neons Earplugs**

E-A-R™ E-A-Rsoft™ Earplugs are made from a slow expanding, polyurethane foam material. A plug that gives evenly distributed pressure allowing flexibility and a good seal with optimum comfort. E-A-R™ E-A-Rsoft™ Yellow Neons Earplugs are also available with a blue vinyl connecting cord.

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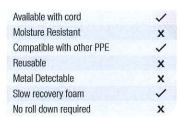




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Uncorded	ES-01-001
Corded	ES-01-005
One Touch Refill	PD-01-002
One Touch Top Up	PD-01-010

E-A-R[™] **E-A-RSoft** Blasts Earplugs

E-A-R™ E-A-Rsoft™ Blasts Earplugs are made from a slow expanding, polyurethane foam material. A plug that provides evenly distributed pressure, giving flexibility, a good seal with optimum comfort.















Product	Product codes
Uncorded	ES-01-003
One Touch Refill	PD-01-003
One Touch Top Up	PD-01-012

Earplugs

E-A-R™ E-A-RSoft™ Metal Detectable Earplugs

The E-A-R™ E-A-Rsoft™ Metal Detectable Earplug has all the advantages of the E-A-R™E-A-Rsoft™ Earplug with the added benefits of a blue metal detectable cord and an integral stainless steel ball in the non-food blue earplug. Ideal for use in the food manufacturing

Available with cord	/
Moisture Resistant	х
Compatible with other PPE	1
Reusable	х
Metal Detectable	/
Slow recovery foam	/
No roll down required	х



Product Corded

Product code ES-01-011A

3M[™] Solar[™] Earplugs

3M™ Solar™ Earplugs come in a choice of eye-catching colours: orange, red, pink, and purple earplugs in one convenient dispenser box. Ultra-soft foam formulation for comfortable all-day wear, plus a tapered shape for easy insertion and excellent canal-hugging seal. Available with or without 'LiveWire' cord.

Available with cord	/
Moisture Resistant	х
Compatible with other PPE	1
Reusable	х
Metal Detectable	х
Slow recovery foam	1
No roll down required	х



Product Uncorded Corded One Touch Refill PN-01-011

Product codes PN-01-001 PN-01-002



3M[™] 1100 / 1110 Earplugs

The Soft hypoallergenic foam material provides maximum comfort and low pressure inside the ear. Its smooth, dirt resistant surface provides better hygiene, durability and comfort. The tapered design fits most ear canals and makes the plugs easier to use. A polyester cord (1110) helps to remove the plugs after use and to prevent their loss.

Available with cord	/
Moisture Resistant	х
Compatible with other PPE	/
Reusable	X
Metal Detectable	х
Slow recovery foam	1
No roll down required	Х





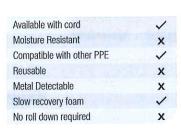
Product Uncorded Corded Refill Bag

Product codes 1100 1110

1100R

E-A-R™ E-A-RSoft™ FX Earplugs

The E-A-R™ E-A-Rsoft™ FX Earplug is the highest protecting earplug in our range today (SNR 39). Its smooth tapered finish makes fitting easier and helps form a comfortable fit. The flange shape, when rolled down, serves as a very effective insertion device. This makes the earplug very easy to fit.











Available with cord



Product Uncorded Corded Product codes ES-01-020 ES-01-021

Dispensers



One-Touch™ Dispenser

You can now buy many of the E-A-R™ Disposable Earplugs in refills for the innovative One-Touch™ Dispenser. Easy to use with a simple twist motion, the innovative 'no waste funnel' ensures plugs drop directly into the palm, dispensing E-A-R $^{\text{TM}}$ Disposable Earplugs every time.

Unobstructed access from front or either side permits one hand operation by a clockwise or anticlockwise motion.

Most of E-A-R™ Disposable Earplugs are available in both refills and top up boxes.



Product code PD-01-000

EAR

Top Up Box





E-A-R'"Classic Ear Plugs



Ear Plugs



E-A-R™ E-A-Rsoft Neons E-A-R™ E-A-Rsoft Blasts



E-A-R™ Superfit 33 Ear Plugs



Ear Plugs



E-A-R™ Classic Soft E-A-R™ Peltor Next Solar Ear Plugs



3M[™] Earplug Dispenser

3M™ 1100DP Dispenser: your dispenser for 1100 plugs

3M™ 1120DP Dispenser: your dispenser for 1120 plugs

Packed together with 1000 pairs Catch tray included to help keep ear plugs off the floor Low cost plastic refill bags available





E-A-R[™] Wall Mounted Dispenser Holder

A permanent E-A-R™ Earplug Dispenser, serving as a reminder to wear hearing protection and make E-A-R™ Earplugs readily available in noisy areas for full time users and visitors alike. This plastic dispenser is easy to fix to a wall or other permanent position. Holds 250 pair dispenser of E-A-R™ Classic™ Pillow Packs.







Product code PD-01-002

