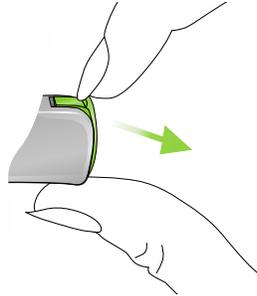


# Putting on hearing aids

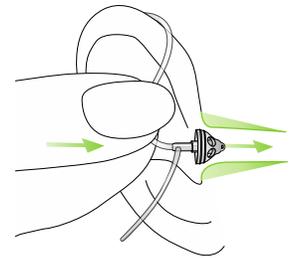
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## Putting on your left hearing aid

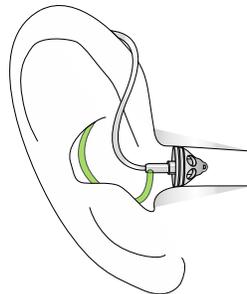
1. Switch the hearing aid off by opening the battery compartment.



2. Place the hearing aid behind your ear. Place the hearing tube between your thumb and forefinger. Insert the dome deep enough into the ear canal so that the hearing tube lies flat on your ear.



3. If your hearing aid has a retention cord, then press it into the bowl of the ear in order to retain the dome in the ear canal. If you have problems inserting the hearing aid, use your other hand to gently pull your earlobe downwards. This opens the ear canal a little more and you can rotate the dome until it fits correctly.



4. Switch the hearing aid on!

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## Identifying left and right hearing aids

It is important to use the correct hearing aid for each ear. Your hearing care professional can mark the hearing aid for you. The color code on the housing will identify left and right hearing aids (red=right, blue=left). A different sticker can also be added to each hearing aid to help you tell left from right.

# Care and maintenance

## Earpiece checks

Do the earpieces have any cracks or tears that could lead to feedback?

Yes >

A torn earpiece could cause feedback and will need replacing. A hearing care professional can replace any damaged tubing easily.

No  
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Is ear wax clogging any opening in the earpiece?

Yes >

Wax could block sounds. Simply wipe the earpiece with a damp cloth. Use a cleaning tool or /brush to remove any wax. Be sure not to get the hearing aids wet.

No  
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Is moisture clogging the earpiece tubing?

Yes >

Moisture could block sound passing through the tubing. Detach the earpiece from the hearing aid and use an earpiece blower or slim tube cleaning tool to remove moisture from the tubing. If the earpiece has a vent, blow the air through that opening too.

No  
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Do the earpieces have a loose fit?

Yes >

Check regularly as earpieces may become loose over time and cause feedback. If using an earpiece with tubing, check with the hearing care professional to see if new earpieces are needed. If using a slim tube with non-custom domes, the hearing care professional can get you replacements. A water soluble lubricant (such as Oto-Ease) may help reduce feedback in the meantime.

No  
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Congratulations-you have completed your earpiece check. Next check the hearing aid.

## Hearing aid checks

Do all the hearing aid controls appear to be intact and clean?

No >

Simply wipe with a damp cloth or brush to remove wax or dirt.

Yes  
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Is the battery inserted properly in the hearing aid?

No >

For the hearing aid to function properly the battery must be inserted with the '+' sign (flat side of the battery) in line with the '+' marked on the battery cover.

Yes  
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Are the batteries working?

No >

Use a battery tester to check the battery status and replace if necessary.

# Care and maintenance

Yes  
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Perform a listening check.

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## Daily listening checks

With the earpiece connected to the hearing aid, use a listening tube to listen to your voice when you speak into the microphone. Does your voice sound clear and undistorted?

No >

If anything sounds unusual, contact your hearing care professional for further advice. Please be aware that some hearing aid features may make your voice sound different but this is normal.

Yes  
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If the hearing aid has more than one program or a Roger system is used, listen to these separately. Does your voice sound clear and undistorted?

No >

If anything sounds unusual, contact your hearing care professional for further advice. Please be aware that some hearing aid features may make your voice sound different but this is normal.

Yes  
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If the hearing aid has an active volume control, move it up and down while speaking to check that it is working. Do you notice any crackling or loudness abnormalities?

No >

Congratulations-you have completed your daily listening check! Now relax and enjoy communicating!

Yes  
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If there is no change in the volume when you move the volume control, your hearing care professional may have deactivated it to avoid accidental adjustments. If your hearing aid sounds soft, check the earpiece and tubing. If the hearing aid sounds different, please contact your hearing care professional for further advice.