





Hearing Aid Compatible Phones

Hearing aids do not always function well with wireless handsets. Hearing aids operated by using a microphone to pick up sound waves, converting the sound waves into electrical signals to be amplified. Distortion or amplification of unwanted sound (noise) often occurs.

The FCC's hearing aid compatibility requirements address hearing aids that operate in either of two modes – acoustic coupling ("M" rating) or inductive coupling ("T" rating). Hearing aids operating in acoustic coupling mode receive through a microphone and then amplify all sounds surrounding the user, including both desired sounds, such as a telephone's audio signal, and unwanted ambient noise. Hearing aids operating in inductive coupling mode turn off the microphone to avoid amplifying unwanted ambient noise, instead using a telecoil to receive only audio signal-based magnetic fields generated by inductive coupling-capable telephones. The FCC's "M" and "T" ratings indicate whether a handset can be expected to function well with a hearing aid and are generally marked clearly on the handset packaging. The number associated with the "M" or "T" rating indicates the HAC handset's level of immunity to electromagnetic noise, with 4 having the best immunity.

The "M" or "T" rating does not guarantee that the handset will function without distortion or noise, so Peoples Wireless recommends that you test the handset before purchasing.

Peoples' Wireless offers the following HAC wireless handsets:

Handsets	Rating
 Motorola W315 (Various Colors)	M3
 Motorola W385 (Various Colors)	M4, T4 (very tele-coil compatible)
 Motorola Z6m ROKR	M4
 Samsung U340	M4, T4 (very tele-coil compatible)



Blackberry 8330 Curve

M4, T4



Blackberry World Edition

M4, T4



LG 11000-EnV touch

M4, T4



Motorola QA30 Hint

M4, T3



Motorola V3m RAZR

M4, T4



Samsung U750 Alias2

M4