

How Can a Telecoil Help?

An activated telecoil can provide the extra help you need to hear with more clarity and ease in a wide range of environments.

General Hints

When switched to the T position, the volume of your aid may need to be increased

When purchasing your hearing aid(s) ask that a telecoil be included

When using the telephone experiment with positioning the handset over your hearing aid to receive the strongest signal

What is a Telecoil

A telecoil is a miniature receiver that picks up magnetic sound signals from telecoil-compatible phones and assistive listening systems (ALS). In many situations, you may hear this magnetic signal a lot better than the acoustic signal from your speech processor's microphone. In other words, a telecoil acts as an alternate input device to your microphone.

Most behind the ear (BTE) type aids will have this facility. A few in the ear (ITE) aids can also have a telecoil. If you already wear an aid that does not include a telecoil it may be possible to have one added-ask your hearing aid supplier.

Telecoil Tips

Keep in mind that all wireless communication systems are prone to interference in certain situations. A hearing aid telecoil may pick up the buzz/hum generated by some electrical equipment. This problem is usually solved by moving away from the noise source

Request the most sensitive telecoil available.

Stereo headphones are actually miniature loop systems. Try switching your aids to T next time you put on headphones. Turn down the stereo's volume if your hearing aid distort.

Where to Use your Telecoil

Look around you and notice the number of places that display a **blue ear sign** advising you that an assistive listening system is installed. Frequently this is an audio loop that can benefit you if you have a telecoil activated in your hearing aids

There are many ways to use a telecoil:

- With a telecoil-compatible phone.

- In movie theaters, sports stadiums, churches, and lecture halls that have an induction loop system or infrared system.
- With personal neckloops, telecoil-compatible headphones/headsets, or telecoil-compatible telephones and cell phones
- Smaller areas such as a bank teller's booth or ticket office can also be looped.

More information? contact- info@hearinglink.com.au

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