

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Cingular

www.cingular.com/about/disability_resources



Sprint Nextel

www.sprintnextel.com



T-Mobile

www.tmobile.com



Verizon Wireless

www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/aboutUs/accessibility/index.jsp



INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

ATIS HAC Incubator Program

www.atis.org/hac/index.asp



CTIA - The Wireless Association™

www.accesswireless.org



MANUFACTURERS

Nokia

www.nokiaaccessibility.com



Motorola

www.motorola.com



Research In Motion

www.blackberry.com



Samsung

www.samsungtelecom.com/contact_us/accessibility.asp



Sony Ericsson

www.sonyericsson.com



UTStarcom

www.utstar.com



CATCH THE WIRELESS WAVE!



WIRELESS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

2006 HAAA Convention - Orlando, Florida

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ADVANCEMENTS IN WIRELESS DEVICES AND HEARING AIDS INCREASES COMPATIBILITY

At the 2006 HLAA Convention, you can visit the Wireless Center of Excellence and get valuable information, consultations, and insight on wireless products, services, and features available in wireless devices designed specifically for hearing aid compatibility (HAC). Convention participants are invited to test various prototype and production products for HAC in the areas of reduced RF emissions and telecoil compliance (magnetic coupling). Participants can also sample any of the latest activated mobiles on display. Manufacturers are on hand to demonstrate their latest products and accessories, while Service Providers offer available information on products, services offered, and coverage support from their networks.

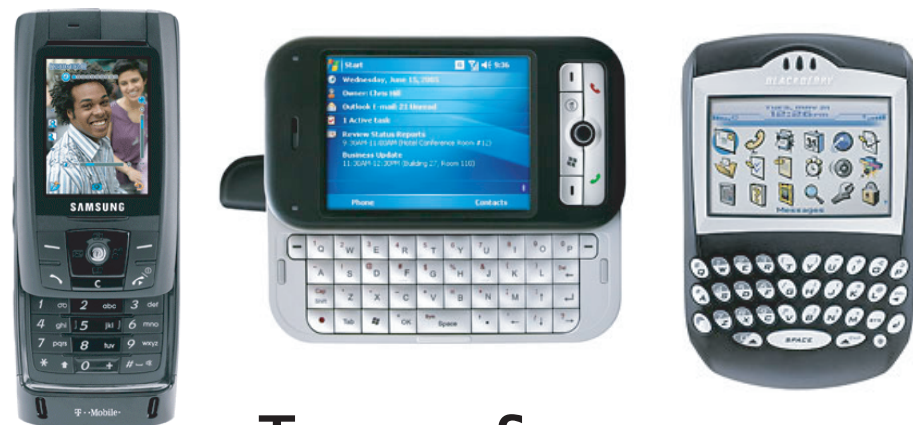


LOOK FOR THE LABEL

As of September 2005, FCC HAC-compliant device packages are marked with "M3" or "M4" ratings for phones rated for use with hearing aids in the microphone mode. The M-rating refers to lower RF emissions level. As of September 2006, HAC-compliant device packages will also be marked with "T3" or "T4" ratings for phones rated for use with hearing aids in the telecoil mode. The T-rating refers to magnetic coupling capability. Only phones that are tested and meet minimum HAC ratings will be labeled. If you do not see an "M3," "M4," "T3" or "T4" on the box, then the phone has not been designated as HAC-compliant.

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

It's best to try several phones before buying to find the best match with your hearing aids. Visit a full-service store owned and operated by a service provider and ask to test phones that have been designated as "hearing aid compatible." Most service providers offer a trial period, so you can try the phone outside of the store. You will want to make sure you understand the return policy, including possible early termination fees and trial periods, before signing up for any cell phone or service.



TEXT AND SURF

Text and Data Only Plans mean you only pay for those services you use. Today's wireless devices are light, mobile, and packed with features to make writing easier. Some have full QWERTY keyboards and all have predictive text for faster typing. Bluetooth phones and wireless keyboards are also ideal for high-volume texters. The wireless industry is also evaluating ways to improve communication for hard of hearing customers through mobile video phones, interactive text services, mobile terminated TTY, and SMS services.

Hearing loss and hearing aids are highly individualized. While FCC HAC regulations should improve cell phone usability for hearing aid users, some may still not find a cell phone that works for them at this time. If you cannot find a cell phone that works for you, you may wish to consider the use of an accessory device to aid your cell phone use.