

Hearing Aid Compatibility

Explanation of HAC and Rating System

Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC) for Wireless Devices

- Hearing aids do not always function well with wireless handsets. Hearing aids operate by using a microphone to pick up sound waves, converting the sound waves into electrical signals to be amplified. Distortion or amplifications of unwanted sound (noise) often occurs.
- The FCC's hearing aid compatibility requirements address hearing aids that operate in either 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 “M” or “T” rating does not guarantee that the handset will function without distortion or noise, so Mi Cellular recommends that you test the handset before purchasing.
- For more information, visit the Federal Communications Commission's website at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/hac_wireless.html.

Product ID	Description	Hearing Aid Compatibility	
		M-Rating	T-Rating
BB 8330	Blackberry 8330 Curve	M4	T4
BB 8830	Blackberry 8830 World	M4	T4
K S2410	Kyocera Tomo S2410	M3	T4
K S4000	Kyocera Mako S4000	M4	T4
LG260 BLK	LG 260 Rumor Black	M3	T3
LG8560 BLK	LG 8560 Chocolate - Black	M3	
LG9200 BLU	LG 9200 EnV3	M4	
M V3M LTPK	Motorola V3M	M4	T4
M VE20 BLU	Motorola VE20	M4	T4
M W315 BLU	Motorola W315	M3	
M W385 BLK	Motorola W385	M4	T4
M Z6M GRY	Motorola Z6M	M4	T4
M ZN4 BLK	Motorola ZN4 Krave Black	M4	T4
MOTO Q9C	Motorola Q9C	M3	T3
MOTO Q9M	Motorola Q9M	M3	
S A870	Samsung A870	M4	T4
S U310	Samsung U310	M4	T4
S U320	Samsung U320	M4	T4