



# The ALD Zone

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Next ALD Technical Training Class begins

May 2

Another ALD Class begins

## This Issue Is Dedicated to Our Favorite ALDs

No wonder ALDs can be confusing. One hundred and nine catalog pages. Over 15 product categories. Over 144 telephone products alone! The good thing is that there are choices that can best meet just about any need. The bad thing is trying to find *that one* product that is better for a situation.

We have some products that we consider “tried and true”. Our list of favorites is actually longer but we wanted to keep the list to two pages. If you look at the function (especially for more severe loss), economy and value, these all get high marks.

Please don't take issue if your favorite isn't here. As a matter of fact, send us a message and let us know which product is your favorite (and why). We'll share your reply in an upcoming issue. If *you* need help choosing the best fit for yourself or a client, call and let us help guide you. That's what we're here for.

*~ Becky*

## Our Favorite Telephone Products

Our favorite **corded telephones** are the Clarity XL50 and Williams Sound TeleTalker TEL040. Both offer up to 55-60dB of clear sounding amplification, with adjustable tone control. These phones are easy to set up and use, and great for those with severe hearing loss who also need simplicity of use. There are few “bells and whistles” on these phones, but they have great sound. The XL50 has a one year warranty, and the TeleTalker has a five year warranty.



**WS-TEL040**  
**\$149.00**



**AMER-XL50**  
**\$159.95**

Clarity has recently come out with two new **cordless phones**, the XLC series. Both give up to 50 dB of clear amplification and tone control, and have 2.5mm and 3.5mm jacks for use with headset or neckloop. Rechargeable batteries (included) can be placed in the base, allowing some use of the phone during power outage. The XLC series phones have speakerphone with tone control in both handset and base. The XLC2 comes with Talking Caller ID. The XLC3.4 comes with visual Caller ID in addition to Talking Caller ID, and is expandable to up to four extra handsets. Extra handsets (CL-XLC3.1HS) retail for \$99.95. There is a one year warranty on XLC phones. One feature that we like about these cordless phones is that they use *standard AAA rechargeable batteries* rather than battery packs that can be hard to find when your phone needs new batteries.



**CL-XLC2**  
**\$143.95**



**CL-XLC3.4**  
**\$159.95**

The Serene Innovations UA-45 Universal Telephone Amplifier is our favorite **inline amplifier**. It amplifies up to 45+dB, has tone control, and is battery operated. (An A/C adapter HC-UA/ADAPT is available for \$14.95.) This amplifier has several compatibility settings, making it compatible with virtually any corded unamplified phone. Some phone amplifiers in the past have clipped off the first word or syllable of the speaker at the other end. Serene Innovations has corrected that problem in this product. It has a one year warranty.



**HC-UA45**  
**\$39.95**



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**Our Favorite Smoke Detection System**

Silent Call Shake-Up Smoke Detector and Signal Unit with Bed Shaker is the most reliable smoke detection system for those who cannot hear the smoke detector at night. When smoke is detected, the signal is transmitted to the receiver, which activates the bed shaker (and strobe with SHKUP/REC).



**SC-SHKUP/REC  
 \$322.95**

**SC-SHKUP/V  
 \$270.95**



Other systems rely on sound monitors that may result in false alarms. The warranty on the smoke detector is three years, and five years on the signal unit.

Did you know fire departments and the Red Cross choose Silent Call for the smoke detector systems that they distribute to deaf and hard of hearing residents?

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**Discontinued Products and Alternatives:**

HAL-E509D and HAL-E509 – Hal-Hen alarm clocks with outlet for flashing lamp, with or without bed shaker - pg 75 – substitute SA-SB1000V and SA-SB1000 - pg 73  
 HC-ARTONEBT – Artone Bluetooth LoopSet – pg 2 – substitute HC-QUATTRO – pg 1

**Retail Price Increases:**

NT-204WH – NuTone Door Strobe Signaler  
~~\$74.95~~ \$79.95 – pg 95  
 NT-204RWH – NuTone Strobe Receiver  
~~\$66.95~~ \$71.95 – pg 95  
 NT-DB – NuTone Wireless Doorbell Button  
~~\$17.95~~ \$19.95 – pg 95

**More of Our Favorite ALDs**

The Sonic Boom **Alarm Clock** with bed shaker (SA-SB1000V \$76.95) is our favorite alarm clock for those who cannot be awoken by their alarm clock. It alerts with up to three different modes: super loud audible alarm, bed shaker, and/or flashing lamp – choose one, two,



**SA-SS1200C/B  
 \$189.95**

or all three modes to wake up! The sound is adjustable in loudness and in pitch, or it can be turned off so as to not disturb others. This Sonic Boom is also a receiver for door, phone, and sound transmitters. The Sonic System (shown above) includes the Sonic Boom Alarm Clock, phone and door transmitter/receiver, and 2 remote receivers to alert in up to four rooms. All components have a five year warranty.

Are you noticing that many of our favorite products are made by Williams Sound? Here are two more!

**The Williams Sound TV Talker**

WIR240 is a great buy for its sound quality, moderate price, comfortable eartips, and two year warranty. It connects with TV, stereo or MP3 player, and comes with 2 NiMH rechargeable batteries (one is always charging for extended listening).



**WS-WIR240  
 \$142.00**

The PockeTalker Ultra is our all-time favorite **personal amplifier**. Others are making newer and more “techie” looking amplifiers, but we are keeping the PockeTalker at the top of our list for its superior sound with tone control and up to 50dB volume, less handling noise than other amplifiers, and its outstanding five year warranty. It is available with a variety of listening options such as headsets, earphones, earbuds, and neckloop (additional cost), and comes with a 12’ TV extension cord that has many uses. The option shown here comes with a headset and a single earbud (at no extra charge) so you can try two popular options.



**WS-PKTD1-EH  
 \$139.00**