



# The ALD Zone

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### Do You Need a Cell Phone Headset Adapter?

Your cell phone must have a 2.5mm jack to use the accessories below. If your phone doesn't have this size jack, you need to get an adapter. Find your phone model in your phone menu or look on the label under the battery. Go to [www.factorydirectcellular.com](http://www.factorydirectcellular.com). Choose your model and scroll down to see if a headset adapter is needed. We don't profit from this site. We just find it easy to use.

### March Brings Many Pricing Changes

There are two times a year when many price changes occur from the manufacturers. March is one of those times. Some of the manufacturers have held off increases for many years. Williams Sound has price changes across all products and Comtek has raised their prices also. You may want to take a moment to note the changes in your catalog or price list.

We are revisiting non-Bluetooth cell phone options as they are still an economic option for cell phones that have a headset jack. As always, call us if you'd like help in choosing a cell phone accessory.

~Becky

### Non-Bluetooth Cell Phone Listening Options for Telecoil Users

There is not really anything new in non-Bluetooth cell phone devices, but we have not covered this area since our October 2009 newsletter. These devices use the hearing aid telecoil to reduce background noise or feedback between your cellphone and hearing aid/cochlear implant processor. Each is equipped with a built in microphone and can also be used for *audio listening* by using the 3.5mm adapter that is included in some of these products (marked with \*).

Neckloops are battery powered to provide a strong induction signal for the telecoil. Earhook models sit directly next to the hearing aid providing the strong induction signal.

#### Powered Neckloops:

Powered neckloops, such as ClearSounds **HC-CLA7V2** and Geomarc **HC-TLOOP**, offer up to 30+ dB amplification which is controlled by a volume wheel. The loop is worn around the neck like a necklace and transmits the sound to the hearing aid through the telecoil.

#### Silhouettes/Hooks:

Silhouettes and hooks connect your phone to your hearing aid telecoil without adding additional amplification. These products will often work better for some hearing aids that have weaker telecoil capability because the silhouette/hook is right next to the telecoil of the behind-the-ear aid (whereas the neckloop is worn on the neck, several inches away from the telecoil). Examples: **HC-TLINK/D** (dual); **HC-TLINK/S** (single not shown); **HC-NZF-S** (single); **HC-NZF-D** (dual not shown); ClearSounds **HC-CL001** (single), **HC-CL002** (dual not shown). ClearSounds makes **HC-CL003** with one silhouette and one earbud, so you have the choice of which to use.

See pages 3 & 4 in the catalog for descriptions. Call if you need assistance choosing the right product.



**HC-CLA7V2\***  
\$99.95



**HC-TLOOP\***  
\$69.95



**HC-TLINK/D**  
\$59.00



**HC-NZF-S\***  
\$39.00



**HC-CL001**  
\$39.95

**HC-CL003**  
\$49.95



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**ALD News**

**Retail Price Increases:**

- COM-AT216 – Comtek Digital Auditory Trainer (p. 43) ~~\$1380.00~~ \$1518.00
- COM-HM-100C - Comtek Microphone/Headset (p. 43) ~~\$121.00~~ \$131.00
- COM-SMN-V – Comtek Earbud (p.43) ~~\$65.00~~ \$70.00
- COM-TM10 – Comtek Conference Table Microphone Adapter (p.43) ~~\$34.00~~ \$37.00
- HC-RS170 – Sennheiser TV amplifier (p.51) ~~\$249.95~~ \$279.95
- HC-RS180 – Sennheiser TV amplifier (p. 51) ~~\$299.95~~ \$329.95
- WS-PFM330 – Williams Sound Motiva PFM330 (p. 45) ~~\$649.00~~ \$662.00
- WS-PFM330RCH – Williams Sound Motiva PFM330 w/charger (p. 45) ~~\$689.00~~ \$703.00
- WS-PFM360 – Williams Sound Motiva PFM360 (p. 45) ~~\$749.00~~ \$764.00
- WS-PFM360RCH – Williams Sound Motiva PFM360 w/charger (p. 45) ~~\$789.00~~ \$805.00
- WS-WIR240 – Williams Sound TV Talker (p.54) ~~\$139.00~~ \$142.00

For other Williams Sound price changes call for current pricing. Some accessories have risen only \$1.00 or so.

**Discontinued Products (for alternatives see article at right):**

- SC-CR30 – Silent Call Crystal Reflections Receiver (p. 94 - may be able to get one if needed)
- SC-LLREC – Silent Call Lamplighter Receiver (p. 94 - may be able to get one if needed)

**Alternatives to Discontinued Products**

Silent Call has discontinued its Crystal Reflections and Lamplighter receivers. For a limited time, it may be possible to get one of these if you need one. Call and we will find out if one is available.

Silent Call makes three other receivers for the original series system that will alert the user of phone, door, smoke, etc., but none will light a table lamp as the Lamplighter did.

Sidekick Receiver with Strobe flashes and an indicator light is lit under the symbol for the door, phone, etc. This receiver can be used in any room in the house and a bed shaker can be added for nighttime alerting. This receiver does not have an alarm clock.



**SC-SKREC  
 \$184.95**

Sidekick II Receiver alerts with a bright strobe light and indicator light, similar to the Sidekick. This receiver features a digital alarm clock, and a bed shaker may be added for nighttime alerting. The Sidekick II has a plug for telephone notification in the room in which it is set up (will not transmit phone alerting to any other receivers). This receiver is probably best used in the bedroom, but could be used anywhere.



**SC-SK2REC  
 \$199.95**

If you prefer to wear a vibrating receiver for daytime alerting, Silent Call makes the Good Vibration Receiver (shown), available with a battery charger for day time alerting, or with the SleepAlert charger for alerting both day and night. When it alerts for phone, door, etc, it vibrates and an indicator light symbol also comes on.



**SC-GOODVIB/B  
 \$135.95**

Call us for assistance in choosing your alternatives.