



The ALD Zone

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October is Fire Prevention Month

Get the ultimate smoke detector system, the one we recommend, this month with a 20% savings.

The Shake-up Smoke detector system with bedshaker is on sale for only \$216.76, that's over \$54 savings in our online store!

Change the batteries in your smoke detectors and test them to insure they are functioning properly.

More Cell Phone Accessories

We're still on the topic of cell phones; wired accessories that plug directly into the cell phone are covered in this newsletter.

While wireless is convenient, there are a few reasons why these other products might be chosen instead of Bluetooth. Lower cost leads the list. Some people don't have Bluetooth and are not ready to upgrade phones. Others do not want to deal with programming issues. They want to 'plug and play' so to speak.

The 6/5/2009 post on Becky's blog at www.beyondhearingaids.com talks about cell phone use that you may find interesting, especially about the safety of hands-free phone use.

Cellphone Listening Options for Telecoil Users

These devices use the telecoil to reduce background noise or feedback between your cellphone and hearing aid/cochlear implant processor. They are equipped with a built-in microphone and can also be used for *audio listening* by using an adapter, included in some of these products (call for details).

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** (shown) and Geemarc **HC-TLOOP** (shown), 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:

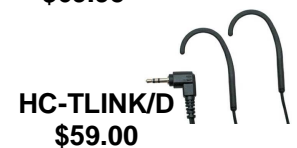
Silhouettes and hooks connect your phone to your hearing aid telecoil without adding additional amplification. These products will often work better for some hearing aids that have weaker telecoil capability because the silhouette/hook is right next to the telecoil of the behind the ear aid (whereas the neckloop is worn on the neck, several inches away from the telecoil). Examples: HC-TLINK/D (dual shown) and HC-NZF-S (single shown).



HC-CLA7V2
\$99.95



HC-TLOOP
\$69.95



HC-TLINK/D
\$59.00



HC-NZF-S
\$39.00

Do You Need a Headset Adapter?

Your cell phone must have 2.5mm jack to use the accessories mentioned here. You may need an adapter. Find your phone model in your phone menu or look on the label under the battery. Go to 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.



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Direct Audio Input (DAI) Cellphone Listening

The HearBuddy features a DAI cable that plugs into the BTE audio boot. It then plugs into the cellphone for clean, crisp, distortion-free sound:

HC-HEARBUDDY (single DAI shown)
 HC-HEARBUDDY/D (dual DAI not shown)

**HC-HEARBUDDY
 \$45.00**



**HC-HEARBUDDY/D
 \$75.00**

**Headsets with Boom microphones for
 Cellphone Use**

Plantronics Headsets with 2.5mm plug, boom microphone and adjustable volume are another alternative for amplified cellphone listening without hearing aids) – can be worn on either ear. HC-M170 may also be able to be used with an in-the-ear/canal aid.



Discontinued Item:

HC-PHONE3 - 2.4GHz Two-Line Amplified Cordless Speakerphone

**Noise Reduction Cellphone Listening
 Without Hearing Aids**

Comply™ Canal Tips reduce noise an average of 42dB or better. The tips are very comfortable and secure in the ear. The 2.5mm plug fits cellphones with 2.5mm jacks (some may still need an adapter). Integrated microphone with mute and lapel clip. These products include one pair each: slim Canal Tips, standard size Canal Tips.

HC-NR1-CM (for use in one ear – cell only)

HC-NR1-CS includes adapters for audio listening as well as cellphone use (for use in two ears – stereo/mono).



**HC-NR1-CM
 \$39.95**



**HC-NR1-CS
 \$69.95**