



3M™ E-A-R™ Taperfit™ 2 Disposable Foam Earplugs

Technical Data Sheet

Product description

3M™ E-A-R™ Taperfit™ 2 foam earplugs feature smooth foam that expands in the ear canal to help provide comfortable hearing protection.

Features

- SLC₈₀ 26dB (Class 5)
- Soft polyurethane foam earplugs for all day comfort
- Compatible with E-A-Rfit™ Dual Ear Validation System
- Multiple size earplug offering (regular and large) help fit a broad range of ear canal sizes
- Available in corded and uncorded
- Poly bag keeps each pair of earplugs clean before use

Applications

The E-A-R™ Taperfit™ 2 earplugs are ideal for a wide range of industrial workplace and leisure environments. Examples of typical applications include:

- Automotive
- Chemical & pharmaceutical manufacture
- Construction
- Heavy engineering
- Metal industry
- Textile manufacture
- Woodworking

Standards

These hearing protectors have been produced to comply with the requirements of the Australian /New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1270:2002.



Materials

The following materials are used in the manufacture of this product.

Component	Material
Earplugs	Polyurethane Foam
Cord	PVC

Storage

- Store in area free of contamination
- Storage Temperature must be kept between -20°C and 40°C.
- Storage humidity <85% RH
- Product must be stored in original packaging.
- Regardless of storage history, always inspect hearing protectors before use and discard immediately if worn or damaged.

Shelf-Life

- 3M™ hearing protector product lifetimes assume the above storage conditions are met.
- Product lifetime = 5 years from date of manufacture as printed on the product packaging.

NOTE: Some locations may have regulations that include specific product lifetime requirements for hearing protectors, which should take precedence over these 3M™ recommendations if they are more restrictive.

Laboratory Attenuation Values

Taperfit™ 2 Regular Uncorded

Frequency (Hz)	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Mean (dB)	23.6	24.6	28.2	29.7	34.9	44.2	45.3
SD (dB)	6.9	8.8	8.7	7.3	4.5	5.2	7.7
Mean - SD (dB)	16.7	15.8	19.5	22.4	30.4	39.0	37.6

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Taperfit™ 2 Large Uncorded

Frequency (Hz)	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Mean (dB)	23.7	24.1	25.4	25.5	33.8	45.0	45.8
SD (dB)	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.8	2.9	4.9	5.0
Mean - SD (dB)	19.5	19.8	21.1	21.7	30.9	40.1	40.8

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Taperfit™ 2 Large Corded

Frequency (Hz)	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Mean (dB)	26.2	26.2	28.2	27.9	35.5	46.6	46.9
SD (dB)	5.9	6.1	6.8	6.2	3.4	5.5	3.5
Mean - SD (dB)	20.3	20.1	21.4	21.7	32.1	41.1	43.4

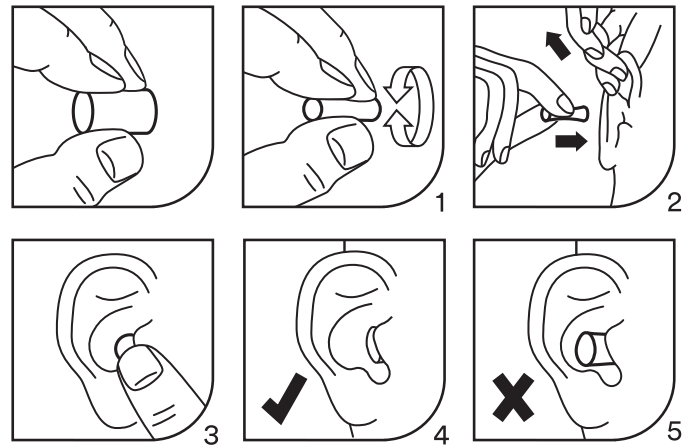
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3M strongly recommends personal fit testing of hearing protectors. Research suggests that users may receive less noise reduction than indicated by the attenuation label value(s) on the packaging due to variation in fit, fitting skill, and motivation of the user.

Fitting Instructions

Always fit your ear plugs before entering a noise hazard area. Wash and rinse your hands before fitting ear plugs. Before fitting inspect the product to ensure that it is not torn or damaged. Replace as needed. Ensure hair and jewellery do not interfere with fitting. See Figures 1-5.

1. Roll earplug slowly with thumb and fingers. Gradually increase pressure to compress earplug to a small crease-free cylinder.
2. Insert compressed earplug well into ear canal while pulling ear outward and upward with opposite hand.
3. Hold in place until the ear plug expands. Touch earplug. You should feel only the end of the earplug. If you feel most of the earplug outside the ear canal remove earplug and repeat fitting.
4. Image of correctly fitted earplug. Insertion depth for correct fit will vary depending on the unique size and shape of each ear canal.
5. Image of incorrectly fitted earplug. The outer end of the earplug should not protrude beyond the tragus.



Fit Check

When ear plugs are correctly inserted your own voice should sound hollow and sounds around you should not sound as loud as before. Listen to steady loud sound with earplugs in both ears. Cover ears with tightly cupped hands. Noise should sound about the same whether or not ears are covered. Re-check the fit often during wear time. If earplugs become loose the actual protection obtained may be significantly reduced. To re-fit follow steps 1-5 above.

If you cannot obtain a good fit, try a different size or type of hearing protector. If you are unable to fit these earplugs correctly and comfortably in both ears, contact your safety officer or 3M for further advice.

Hearing Protector Fit Testing the 3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Dual-Ear Validation System

The success of your hearing conservation program requires more than offering earplugs or earmuffs. Each worker needs to wear the most effective hearing protector for the environment and the correct fit for their unique anatomy. With 3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Dual-Ear Validation System, you can quickly identify how much protection each worker receives from their 3M hearing protectors.

The Technology Behind 3M™ E-A-Rfit™

The 3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Dual-Ear Validation System is based on Field Microphone-In-Real Ear (F-MIRE) technology that measures the effectiveness of hearing protectors from inside a worker's ears, providing accurate, quantitative results. The tester wears a pair of modified 3M™ probed hearing protectors connected to a dual-element microphone. A loudspeaker is placed in front of the tester. When it emits a broadband noise, the dual-element microphone measures the signal in the ear canal and outside the ear plug. In less than five seconds, the difference between the two measurements is calculated and a Personal Attenuation Rating (PAR) is displayed.

It Starts with PAR

The 3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Validation System puts the worker in the context of their noise environment and helps you understand their level of attenuation.

The results you get from the 3M™ E-A-Rfit™ is displayed as a PAR. The PAR is a numerical value that shows the reduction in sound level within the ear when a hearing protector is worn. The resulting PAR, combined with the worker's exposure to noise, is used to determine if a worker is receiving appropriate protection from the noise hazard.

Knowing the PAR lets you identify workers who are inadequately protected, so you can provide real-time intervention and training.

Key Benefits of the 3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Dual-Ear Validation System include:

- Tests both ears simultaneously in less than 5 seconds
- Science-based, quantitative testing
- Fast, clear, and accurate results
- Tests 7 frequencies 125Hz to 8000Hz
- 3M™ Earplug, earmuff and headset (comms) testing capability

Contact your 3M Personal Safety Specialist to find out more about our 3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Dual-Ear Validation System or for assistance in solving your complex or day-to-day hearing conservation challenges.

Ordering Information

3M Order Code	Model #	Description
70071515228	312-1219	3M™ E-A-R™ Taperfit™ 2 Regular Uncorded
70071515236	312-1221	3M™ E-A-R™ Taperfit™ 2 Large Uncorded
70071515251	312-1224	3M™ E-A-R™ Taperfit™ 2 Large Corded
3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Dual-Ear Validation System - Probe		
70071562808	393-2006-50	3M™ E-A-R™ Taperfit™ 2 Probed Test Plug
70071733557	393-2027-50	3M™ E-A-R™ Taperfit™ 2 Large Probed Test Plug

WARNING!

These hearing protectors help reduce exposure to hazardous noise and other loud sounds. Misuse or failure to wear hearing protectors at all times that you are exposed to noise may result in hearing loss or injury. For proper use, see supervisor, User Instructions, or call 3M TechAssist Helpline 1800 024 464.

Always ensure the hearing protection device (HPD) is:

- Suitable for the application;
- Fitted correctly;
- Worn during all periods of exposure;
- Replaced when necessary.

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