

# 3M™ E-A-R™ Classic™ Small Earplugs

## Technical datasheet



### Product description

The 3M™ E-A-R™ Classic™ Small Earplugs are disposable and designed for insertion into the ear canal to help reduce exposure to harmful levels of noise.

These earplugs may be used for protection against moderate to high noise environments, providing effective protection against all test frequencies. Please refer to the attenuation table for further details.

### Key features

- ▶ SNR 29 dB
- ▶ Cylindrical smaller shape helps fit smaller ear canal sizes
- ▶ Proprietary, energy-absorbing, slow recovery foam helps with earplug fitting
- ▶ Slow recovery foam helps make insertion easier
- ▶ Soft pliable foam conforms to the shape of the ear canal for comfort and wearability
- ▶ Moisture resistant making them less likely to swell through moisture absorption, thus minimizing the need to often re-fit the earplug
- ▶ Available in uncorded (AM-01-000) version only
- ▶ Compatible with the 3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Dual-Ear Validation System

### Standard and approval:

This product is in compliance with appropriate Directives or Regulations to fulfill the requirements for the CE and/or UKCA marking.

The full text of the Declaration of Conformity is available at the following internet address: [www.3M.com/hearing/certs](http://www.3M.com/hearing/certs).

### Materials

Ear plugs	PVC (Proprietary slow recovery polymer foam)
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### Nominal size range

Smallest fitted: 5 mm

Largest fitted: 12 mm

### Attenuation values:

	Frequency (Hz) <i>f</i>								H	M	L	SNR
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000				
Mf (dB)	23.8	25.7	26.3	28.7	28.9	31.6	40.8	37.5	32.4	29.2	27.4	31.8
Sf (dB)	5.7	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.2	2.8	3.9	2.1	2.9	3.1	2.4
APVf (dB)	18.1	21.3	22.0	24.4	25.1	28.4	38.0	33.6	30	26	24	29

#### Key:

*f* = Test frequency

Mf = Mean attenuation value

Sf = Standard deviation

APVf (Mf - Sf) = Assumed Protection Value

H = High-frequency attenuation value  
(predicted noise level reduction for noise with LC – LA = -2dB)

M = Medium-frequency attenuation value  
(predicted noise level reduction for noise with LC – LA = +2dB)

L = Low-frequency attenuation value  
(predicted noise level reduction for noise with LC – LA = +10dB)

SNR = Single Number Rating (the value that is subtracted from the measured C-weighted sound pressure level, LC in order to estimate the effective A-weighted sound pressure level inside the ear)

Information on Shelf life and service life can be found in the User Instructions.