

3M™ E-A-R™ Caboflex™ Banded Earplugs

Technical datasheet



Product description

The 3M™ E-A-R™ Caboflex™ banded earplugs are fitted with conical shaped eartips designed to provide an effective acoustic seal in the ear canal to help reduce exposure to hazardous levels of noise and loud sound.

The 3M™ E-A-R™ Caboflex™ are approved for use in under-the-chin (U-T-C) and behind-the-head (B-T-H) wearing mode. They may be used for protection against low to moderate noise environments offering effective protection across all test frequencies.

Key features

- ▶ Lightweight band (12 grams)
- ▶ Conical shape eartips helps achieve comfortable fit across a wide range of ear canal sizes
- ▶ Replacement eartips are available (CS-01-000)
- ▶ Designed to be worn in U-T-C and B-T-H wearing mode for minimal interference with other PPE such as head protection
- ▶ SNR 21dB (U-T-C) and SNR 19dB (B-T-H)
– see full attenuation table

Standard and approval:

The 3M™ E-A-R™ Caboflex™ banded earplugs are type approved against the European Regulation (EU) 2016/425 by BSI Group, The Netherlands B.V. Say Building, John M. Keynesplein 9, 1066 EP Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Notified Body No. 2797.

These products meet the requirement of the Harmonised European Standard EN 352-2:2002. The applicable Certificate(s) and Declaration(s) of Conformity are available at www.3M.com/Hearing/certs.

Materials

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

Band	Polycarbonate
Eartips	PVC foam with silicone rubber cover

Important notice

The use of the 3M product described within this document assumes that the user has previous experience of this type of product and that it will be used by a competent professional. Before any use of this product it is recommended to complete some trials to validate the performance of the product within its expected application.

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Attenuation values in U-T-C wearing mode

f (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Mf (dB)	22.7	20.7	22.4	22.7	23.8	32.3	42.2	36.2
sf (dB)	8.7	7.8	8.7	9.2	7.0	5.7	4.6	8.2
APVf (dB)	13.9	12.9	13.7	13.5	16.8	26.6	37.6	28.0

SNR = 21dB, H = 25dB, M = 17dB, L = 15dB

Attenuation values in B-T-H wearing mode

f (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Mf (dB)	20.6	18.0	19.3	20.0	22.7	30.3	38.6	32.3
sf (dB)	8.9	8.6	7.7	9.3	5.6	5.5	4.6	7.1
APVf (dB)	11.6	9.4	11.6	10.7	17.1	24.8	34.1	25.1

SNR = 19dB, H = 24dB, M = 16dB, L = 13dB, APVf (dB) = Mf – sf (dB)

Key:

f = Test frequency

Mf = Mean attenuation value

sf = Standard deviation

APVf = Assumed Protection Value

H = High-frequency attenuation value (predicted noise level reduction for noise with $L_C - L_A = -2dB$)

M = Medium-frequency attenuation value (predicted noise level reduction for noise with $L_C - L_A = +2dB$)

L = Low-frequency attenuation value (predicted noise level reduction for noise with $L_C - L_A = +10dB$)

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