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# 3M<sup>™</sup> E-A-R<sup>™</sup> FX<sup>™</sup> Earplugs

**Technical Data Sheet** 



# **Description**

Features patented shape to more effectively fit ear canal. Made of custom polyurethane foam for slow recovery and increased softness in the ear canal. Helps reduce exposure to hazardous levels of noise and loud sound. These products are available in both corded and uncorded versions.

# **Key Features**

- Slow expanding, polyurethane foam
- Extremely soft foam helps provide low pressure inside the ear canal thus increasing comfort and wearability
- Flanged shape conforms quickly to most ear canals
- Compatible with 3M<sup>™</sup> E-A-Rfit validation system
- Vibrant bright colour
- Supplied in polybag
- Available in both corded and uncorded versions

## **Applications**

The E-A-RSoft™ FX™ earplugs are ideal for high noise exposure levels, and are ideally suited to provide protection against all noise frequencies in a wide range of industrial workplace and leisure environment. Examples of typical applications include:

- Automotive
- Chemical & pharmaceutical manufacture
- Construction
- Heavy engineering
- Metal processing
- 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
Ear Plugs	Polyurethane Foam
Cord	PVC

## **Storage**

Store in an area free of contamination.

Do not leave your hearing protection device in areas or locations where it can be exposed to damage or contamination.

Sunlight is particularly damaging as UV light can have a detrimental effect on the materials the product is made from.

Chemical contamination can also have a serious effect on product integrity and decontamination after use is recommended.

Use a suitable storage container especially if left in a vehicle. This will protect the hearing protection device from damage and extend its working life.

#### **Attenuation Data**

Class 5	SLC <sub>80</sub> Va	SLC <sub>80</sub> Value is 26.0					
Frequency (HZ)	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Mean Attenuation	28.5	27.3	28.3	28.5	36.0	45.2	46.7
Standard Deviation	6.5	5.3	6.7	6.8	4.8	6.5	6.4

Hearing protector class 5 tested to AS/NZS 1270. When selected, used and maintained as specified in AS/NZS 1269, this protector may be used in noise up to 110dB(A) assuming an 85dB(A) criterion.

A lower criterion may require a higher protector class.

Mean = Mean attenuation value derived from testing in accordance with AS/NZS 1270:2002 SD = Standard Deviation derived from testing in accordance with AS/NZS 1270:2002 Mean - SD = Mean attenuation value minus Standard Deviation SLC(80) = Single number rating commonly used in Australia and New Zealand to compare acoustic performance of hearing protectors. The subscript '80' indicates that in well managed hearing protector programs, the protection provided is expected to equal or exceed the SLC(80) in 80% of protector-wearer noise spectrum combinations. Class = A simplified process for selecting hearing protectors based on the wearers 8-hour equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level.

# **Ordering Information**

3M Code	Model #	Description
70071515137	312-1260	E-A-R FX Corded
70071515046	312-1261	E-A-R FX Uncorded

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