

Tell Me About Your Hearing Aid – Learning Parts, Function, Fixes



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1. This is a <u>battery drawer</u> 2. What can go wrong? a) Battery is in upside down b) Battery gets corroded c) There is a dead battery 3. What can I do? a) Make sure the battery is in correctly b) Use a pencil eraser to rub out all of the orange corrosion on the battery contacts c) Check your batteries daily! Replace them on the same day every month (e.g. first day of month)	1. This is the <u>earmold</u> 2. What can go wrong? a) It can be full of earwax b) It can be ripped or torn c) It can be hard/inflexible because it is old 3. What can I do? a) Wash them weekly in soapy water, clean the earmold canal with loop tool, not something sharp b) Time for new earmolds! c) Time for new earmold! They should be replaced every 6 months to one year
1. This is the <u>earmold tubing</u> 2. What can go wrong? a) It can pull out of the earmold easily b) Drops of moisture can collect in it c) It can get old, hard or ripped 3. What can I do? a) It may be time for new earmolds or you need to get the tube glued securely into the earmold b) Use a DriAid kit at night, and an earmold blower during the day if you see moisture drops c) Time for new earmolds!	1. This is the <u>hearing aid case</u> 2. What can go wrong? a) Case is dirty b) Case feels wet c) Case is cracked 3. What can I do? a) Wipe off case with a soft cloth or tissue b) Protect your aid (i.e., Ear Gear, SuperSeals) c) A large crack may mean your hearing aid is damaged and not working right. Tell the audiologist. Maybe you can get cool colored cases!
1. This is the <u>earhook</u> 2. What can go wrong? a) It can be cracked b) Drops of moisture can collect in it c) The earmold can easily slip off the earhook 3. What can I do? a) You need a new earhook! b) Use a DriAid kit at night, and an earmold blower during the day if you see moisture drops c) This is a tubing problem not an earhook problem. The tubing needs to be replaced.	1. These are the <u>hearing aid controls</u> 2. What can go wrong? a) The switch may be on M/T (you hear a hum) b) They may be dirty (you hear scratchy sounds) c) The controls may be set in the wrong place 3. What can I do? a) Keep your hearing aid on M unless you are using the telephone b) Protect your hearing aid from moisture and dirt (EarGear). Your audiologist can clean controls. c) Know how your hearing aids should be set!

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