

WIDEX **UNIQUE™**

USER INSTRUCTIONS

THE WIDEX UNIQUE™ FAMILY

U-IM/U-IP model
In-the-canal/In-the-ear



WIDEX®
HIGH DEFINITION HEARING

YOUR HEARING AID

To be filled out by the hearing care professional)

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| ☐ Vent | ☐ No vent | |
| ☐ Extraction cord | ☐ Volume control | ☐ Push button |

Your hearing aid series:

PROGRAMS

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| ☐ Universal | ☐ Audibility Extender |
| ☐ Quiet | ☐ Audibility Extender |
| ☐ Transport | ☐ Audibility Extender |
| ☐ Urban | ☐ Audibility Extender |
| ☐ Party | ☐ Audibility Extender |
| ☐ Music | ☐ Audibility Extender |
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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| ☐ Zen | ☐ Audibility Extender |
| ☐ Phone | ☐ Audibility Extender |

SMARTTOGGLE PROGRAMS

☐ Zen+	☐ Audibility Extender
☐ Phone+	☐ Audibility Extender

NOTE

The program names in the table are the default names. If you have chosen to use some of the other names available, write the new names in the table. That way you will always know which programs you have in your hearing aids.

NOTE

Read this booklet carefully before your start using your hearing aid.

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YOUR HEARING AID

Welcome

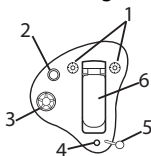
Congratulations on your new hearing aid.

Use your hearing aid regularly, even if it takes some time getting used to it. Infrequent users don't usually get the full benefit of a hearing aid.

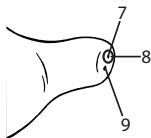
NOTE

Your hearing aid and its accessories may not look exactly as illustrated in this booklet. We also reserve the right to make any changes we consider necessary.

Your hearing aid at a glance



- 1. Microphone openings
- 2. Push button (optional)
- 3. Volume control (optional)
- 4. Vent (optional)
- 5. Extraction cord (optional)
- 6. Battery compartment



- 7. Sound outlet
- 8. Wax guard
- 9. Vent (optional)

Important safety information

Read these pages carefully before you begin using your hearing aid.



Hearing aids and batteries can be dangerous if swallowed or used improperly. Swallowing or improper use can result in severe injury or even fatalities. In case of ingestion, contact a doctor immediately.



Take your hearing aids out when you are not using them. This will help to ventilate the ear canal and prevent ear infections.



Contact your doctor or hearing care professional immediately if you suspect you may have an ear infection.



Remove your hearing aids before showering, swimming or using a hair dryer.



Do not wear your hearing aids when applying perfume, spray, gels, lotion or cream.



Do not dry your hearing aid in a microwave oven - this will ruin it.



Never use other people's hearing aids and never allow others to use yours, as this could damage your hearing.



Never use your hearing aids in environments where there may be explosive gases, such as in mines, etc.



Keep hearing aids, their parts, accessories and batteries away from children.



Never try to open or repair the hearing aid yourself. Contact your hearing care professional if you need to have your hearing aid repaired.



Your hearing aids contain radio communication technology. Always observe the environment in which you are using them. If any restrictions apply, you must take precautions to comply with these.



Your hearing aid is very powerful and it can play sounds that exceed a level of 132 dB. There may therefore be a risk of damaging your remaining hearing.



Do not expose your hearing aids to extreme temperatures or high humidity, and dry them quickly if they get wet, or if you perspire heavily.

Your hearing aids should be stored and transported within the temperature and humidity ranges of -20°C to +55°C (-4°F to 131°F) and 10%-95% rH.

Your hearing aids are designed to operate from 0°C (32°F) to 50°C (122°F).

For more information about your hearing aids, visit: www.widex.com.

THE HEARING AID

Indications for use

The hearing aids are indicated for individuals older than 36 months with a range of hearing loss from minimal (10 dB HL) to severe (90 dB HL) and all hearing loss configurations.

They are to be programmed by licensed hearing care professionals (audiologists, hearing aid specialists, otolaryngologists) who are trained in hearing (re)habilitation.

Intended use

The hearing aids are intended as air conduction amplification devices to be used in everyday listening environments. The hearing aids may be equipped with the Zen program intended to provide a relaxing sound background (i.e. music/noise source) for adults who desire to listen to such a background in quiet.

The battery

Use a **type 312 zinc-air** battery for your hearing aid.

Always use a fresh, new battery that is precisely the kind recommended by your hearing care professional.

NOTE

Check that the battery is completely clean and free of any residue before inserting it in the hearing aid. Otherwise your hearing aid may not function as expected.



Never attempt to recharge your hearing aid batteries, as they could explode.



Never leave a flat battery in the hearing aids while storing them. It could leak and ruin your hearing aid.



Dispose of used batteries as indicated on the packaging and take note of the expiry date.

Changing the battery

To change the battery, do as follows:



Take the adhesive tab off the new battery and make sure there is no sticky substance left on it. Let it "breathe" for 60 seconds.



Use the nail grip to gently swing the battery door open and remove the old battery. Place the new battery in the battery compartment as shown.



Close the drawer. If it doesn't close easily, the battery is not placed correctly.

If you are not using the hearing aid for a few days, keep the battery compartment open.

NOTE

Avoid dropping your hearing aid - hold the hearing aid above a soft surface while changing the battery.

Low battery indication

When the battery is flat, a sound signal will play. If the battery drains suddenly there may however be no warning. We recommend carrying a spare battery with you wherever you go.

Sound signals

Your hearing aid plays sounds to inform you that certain features have been activated or that you have changed programs. These sounds may be spoken messages or tones, depending on your needs and preferences.

Program 1	Message/one short beep
Program 2	Message/two short beeps
Program 3	Message or three short beeps
Program 4	Message/one short and one long beep
Program 5	Message/one long beep and two short beeps

Ask your hearing care professional to turn these sounds signals off if you don't need them.

Lost partner

(Only available in 440-series)

Your hearing care professional can turn on a feature in your hearing aid that warns you whenever it loses contact with the hearing aid in the opposite ear. You will hear a spoken message in your ear.

How to tell right from left

The hearing aid for your right ear has a red mark. The hearing aid for your left ear has a blue mark.

Turning the hearing aid on and off



To turn the hearing aid on, close the battery compartment. The hearing aid will play a sound signal to indicate that it is on, unless your hearing care professional has deactivated this function. Open the battery compartment to turn the hearing aid off.

NOTE

You can also cup the hearing aid in your hand to verify that it is turned on. If it's on, it will whistle. Don't forget to turn off the hearing aid when it is not in use.

Putting on and removing your hearing aid



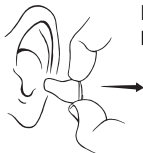
Close the battery lid completely. Hold the hearing aid with your thumb and forefinger and insert it slowly into your ear until you feel resistance.

Then use the tip of your forefinger to gently push the hearing aid into your ear until it feels comfortable. Pulling the outer ear upwards and backwards while you insert the hearing aid can be helpful.

NOTE

If the hearing aid doesn't feel comfortable, or if it doesn't fit properly, causing irritation, redness or the like, contact your hearing care professional.

Removing the hearing aid



Hold the hearing aid with your thumb and forefinger and pull carefully.

NOTE

If you find it difficult to take out the hearing aid, move it carefully from side to side.

Programs

PROGRAMS	USE
Universal	For everyday use
Quiet	Special program for listening in quiet environments
Transport	For listening in situations with noise from cars, trains, etc.
Urban	For listening in situations with changing sound levels (in supermarkets, noisy workplaces or similar)
Party	For listening in situations with many people talking at the same time
Music	For listening to music
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	USE
Zen	Plays tones or noise for a relaxing sound background
Phone	This program is designed for listening to phone conversations

SMARTTOGGLE PROGRAMS USE

Zen+

This program is similar to Zen but allows you to listen to different types of tones or noise

Phone+

This program lets you listen to the phone and avoid the surrounding sounds. One of your hearing aids transmits the phone conversation to the other, so that you can listen with both ears

NOTE

The names in the list of programs are the default names. Your hearing care professional can also select a program name from a preselected list. Then it is even easier for you to select the right program in each listening situation.

NOTE

You can only have one SmartToggle program in your hearing aid. Depending on your hearing loss, your hearing care professional can activate the Audibility Extender feature. Ask your hearing care professional if you could benefit from this. If your needs and preferences change over time, your hearing care professional can easily change your program selection.

The Zen program

Your hearing aid may be provided with a unique optional listening program called Zen. It makes musical tones (and sometimes a rushing noise) in the background.



If you perceive a decrease in loudness, tolerance of sounds, speech not as clear, or worsening tinnitus, contact your hearing care professional.



Use of the Zen program may interfere with hearing everyday sounds including speech. It should not be used when hearing such sounds is important. Switch the hearing aid to a non-Zen program in those situations.

Program and sound adjustment

Adjusting the sound level using the volume control

Your hearing aid adjusts the sound level automatically according to your sound environment, but you can also adjust it manually depending on your needs and preferences. To do so, turn the volume control towards the front to increase the volume and turn it towards the rear to reduce it.

Each time you operate the volume control, you will hear a beep-tone unless your hearing care professional has deactivated this function. When you reach the maximum or minimum setting, you will hear a steady tone.

NOTE

Your hearing aid will also play a tone when you reach the default sound level programmed for you by your hearing care professional. In this way you can easily return to the optimal setting for most listening situations.

You can also mute your hearing aid if you need to. Do as follows:

- Keep turning the volume control towards the rear until you can hear the steady sound

To turn the sound on again:

- Turn the volume control towards the front or
- Change program

Any adjustment of the volume will be cancelled when you turn off your hearing aid or if you change program.

Using the push button to change programs and adjust the sound level:

If you have two hearing aids, the push button can be programmed in several ways:

As a dedicated program button:

To change programs, just tap the button. To access and exit SmartToggle programs, push and hold the push button down for more than one second (this setting is optional). Once you have accessed the SmartToggle program, you can change among the different Zen styles by short taps on the button.

As a dedicated sound adjustment button:

Tap the button on your hearing aid if you'd like more audibility and more volume. If you need to decrease the volume or you'd like more comfort, tap the button on your hearing aid.

A long push on either of your hearing aids will mute and unmute the sound (this setting is optional).

As a combined program and sound adjustment button:

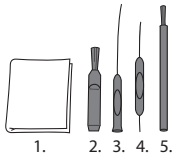
If you have this option, tap the button on your hearing aid if you'd like more audibility and more volume. If you need to decrease the volume or if you'd like more comfort, just tap the button on your hearing aid. A long push on either of your hearing aids will change programs.

If you only have one hearing aid, a short tap will change programs and a long tap will allow you to access the SmartToggle programs.

CLEANING

Tools

You will receive the following cleaning tools with your hearing aid:



1. Cloth
2. Brush
3. Long wax-removing tool
4. Short wax-removing tool
5. Battery magnet

Cleaning the hearing aid

Cleaning your hearing aid every day will make it more efficient and more comfortable to wear.

The hearing aid



Just wipe it with the a soft cloth (for example the cloth you received from your hearing care professional).

The sound outlet



Remove any visible earwax from **around** the sound outlet with the small brush or cloth. **Never** try to clean the wax guard.

NOTE

If you can't clean the sound outlet, contact your hearing care professional. **Never** insert anything into the sound outlet as this can ruin your hearing aid.

The vent

Clean the vent every day by passing the long wax removing tool (no. 4) all the way through the vent. When you are done, leave the hearing aid open to ventilate it.

NOTE

It is important for the performance of your hearing aid that you keep the vent clean and free of earwax, dirt and the like. Clean it every day after use and consult your hearing care professional if the vent is blocked.

Dry your hearing aid quickly if it gets wet, or if you perspire heavily. Some people use a special dehumidifier like Widex Dry-Go to help keep their hearing aids dry and clean. Ask your hearing care professional if this is right for you.



Do not use any kind of liquid or disinfectant to clean your hearing aid.



Clean and inspect your hearing aid every day after use to check that it is not broken. If the hearing aid breaks while you are wearing it, leaving small fragments in your ear canal, contact your doctor. Never try to take out the fragments yourself.

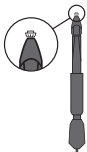
Cleaning the microphone grids

Changing the microphone grid:



The microphone grid helps to protect the hearing aid microphones against dirt and earwax. Always use microphone grids supplied by Widex with your hearing aid.

Open the case as illustrated.



The microphone grid tool consists of the following parts:

1. Removal hook
2. New microphone grid



Insert the removal hook into the used grid.



Keep the holder at a right angle.



Pull the used grid straight out.



Insert the new grid into the microphone opening.



Pull the holder straight out while turning it slightly to make sure the grid remains in place.



Ask your hearing care professional about how often you should change the microphone grid.



The grid is for one-time use only and is not intended to be cleaned.



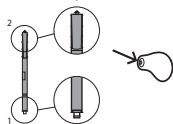
If the grid fits loosely, discard it and use a new one.

The wax guard

The wax guard helps to protect the hearing aid against earwax. Always use wax guards supplied by Widex with your hearing aid.

Changing the wax guard

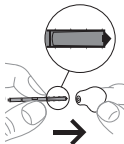
Open the wax guard case as illustrated.

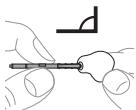


The wax guard consists of the following parts:

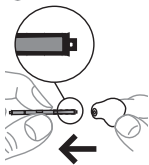
1. Removal hook
2. New wax guard

Insert the removal hook into the used wax guard.

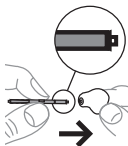
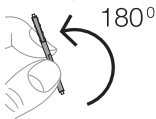




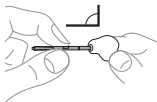
Keep the holder at a right angle.



Pull the used wax guard straight out.



Insert the new wax guard into the opening of the sound outlet and press it gently.



Pull the holder straight out.



Ask your hearing care professional about how often you should change the wax guard.



The wax guard is for one-time use only and is not intended to be cleaned.



If the wax guard fits loosely, discard it and use a new one.



If the wax guard falls off inside your ear, contact your doctor or hearing care professional to have it removed. Do NOT attempt to remove the wax guard yourself.

ACCESSORIES

You can use a variety of accessories with your hearing aid. To see whether you could benefit from using these accessories, ask your hearing care professional.

Name	Use
RC-DEX	remote control
TV-DEX	for listening to TV and audio
PHONE-DEX	for easy landline use
FM+DEX	for streaming audio and FM signals
UNI-DEX	for connecting hearing aids to mobile phones
CALL-DEX	for easy wireless connection to mobile phones
COM-DEX	for wireless connection to mobile phones and other devices via Bluetooth
COM-DEX Remote Mic	for helping hearing aid users hear speech in difficult listening situations

Available in some countries only.

TROUBLESHOOTING

These pages contain advice on what to do if your hearing aid stops working or if it doesn't work as expected. If the problem persists, contact your hearing care professional.

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
The hearing aid is completely silent	It is not turned on	Make sure the battery is placed correctly and the battery compartment cover is closed correctly.
	The battery does not work	Insert a new battery in the hearing aid
	The sound outlet is blocked	See the cleaning section
	The microphone opening is blocked	See the cleaning section
The hearing aid volume is not powerful enough	The sound outlet is blocked	See the cleaning section
	Your ear is blocked by earwax	Contact your doctor
	Your hearing may have changed	Contact your hearing care professional/doctor

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
The hearing aid whistles continuously	Your ear is blocked by earwax	Contact your doctor
	It is not correctly placed in your ear canal	Take it out and reinsert it
	It fits loosely in your ear canal	Contact your hearing care professional
The hearing aid is uncomfortable to wear	It is not correctly placed in your ear canal.	Consult your hearing care professional
	It does not fit your ear properly	Contact your hearing care professional
	Your outer ear or ear canal is sore	It is important that first-time users only wear the hearing aid for short periods of time at the beginning. Take 2-3 weeks to gradually get used to the hearing aid. If the soreness continues, contact your hearing care professional

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
Your hearing aids are not working in synchrony	The connection between the hearing aids is lost	Turn them off and on again
The hearing aids do not respond with a corresponding change in volume or program to the device	a. The device is used beyond the transmission range b. Strong electromagnetic interference in the vicinity c. The device and the hearing aids are not matched	a. Move the device closer to the hearing aids b. Move away from known source of EM interference c. Check with your hearing care professional to make sure device is matched with the hearing aids
You hear “interrupted” speech (on and off) from the hearing aids or no speech (muted) from the transmitting hearing aid.	a. The battery in one of the hearing aids has expired b. Strong electromagnetic interference in the vicinity	a. Replace battery in one or both hearing aids b. Move away from known sources of interference

REGULATORY INFORMATION

EC directives

Directive 2014/53/EU

Hereby, Widex A/S declares that this U-IM/U-IP is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 2014/53/EU.

The U-IM/U-IP contains a radio transmitter operating at 10.6 MHz, -54 dBμA/m @10 m .

A copy of the Declaration of Conformity according to 2014/53/EU can be found at:

<http://global.widex.com/doc>



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Information regarding disposal

Do not dispose of hearing aids, hearing aid accessories and batteries with ordinary household waste.

Hearing aids, batteries and hearing aid accessories should be disposed of at sites intended for waste electrical and electronic equipment, or given to your hearing care professional for safe disposal.

FCC and IC statements

FCC ID: TTY-UI

IC: 5676B-UI

Federal Communications Commission Statement

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

NOTE:

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Changes or modifications to the equipment not expressly approved by Wi-dex could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Industry Canada Statement / Déclaration d'industrie Canada

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada.

To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication.

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Conformément à la réglementation d'Industrie Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d'un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé pour l'émetteur par Industrie Canada.

Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radioélectrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e.) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

- (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et
- (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

SYMBOLS

Symbols commonly used by Widex A/S in medical device labelling (labels/IFU/etc.)

Symbol	Title/Description
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Manufacturer

The product is produced by the manufacturer whose name and address are stated next to the symbol. If appropriate, the date of manufacture may also be stated.



Catalogue number

The product's catalogue (item) number.



Consult instructions for use

The user instructions contain important cautionary information (warnings/precautions) and must be read before using the product.



Warning

Text marked with a warning symbol must be read before using the product.



WEEE mark

“Not for general waste”. When a product is to be discarded, it must be sent to a designated collection point for recycling and recovering to prevent the risk of harm to the environment or human health as a result of the presence of hazardous substances.

Symbol	Title/Description
	CE mark The product is in conformity with the requirements set out in European CE marking directives.
	RCM mark The product complies with electrical safety, EMC and radio spectrum regulatory requirements for products supplied to the Australian or New Zealand market.
	Interference Electromagnetic interference may occur in the vicinity of the product.



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