

# Changing Hearing Aid Batteries/Recharging Hearing Aids

## Changing Hearing Aid Batteries

Hearing aid batteries come in five different sizes with universal color-coded tabs (e.g. yellow #10, brown #312, orange #13 and blue #675). They generally last between three days to a couple of weeks, depending on the size and power of the hearing aid.

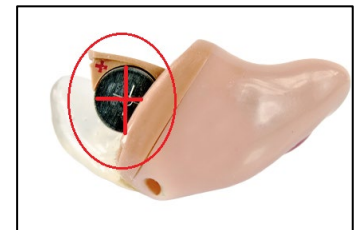


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When the battery dies, the person wearing the hearing aid may hear a warning beep, or it may simply quit working.

If the person needs assistance changing the batteries:

1. Be sure that you have the right battery size for the hearing aid. Remove the new batteries from the package and peel the sticky tabs off the battery.
2. After removing the sticky tabs, it's important to wait a full minute. This allows the batteries to be fully activated, extending their lifespan. Then, they'll be ready for use.
3. It's essential to correctly place the new batteries into the battery door. This ensures the hearing aid functions, and prevents potential damage to the hearing aid. Insert the new batteries into the slots with the smooth positive (+) side up and the raised negative (-) side down.



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4. If you have installed the batteries correctly, you will see the smooth side and will see that the rounded negative side fits into the raised bottom side. You will also be able to close the doors of the battery compartments smoothly and easily, with no force required.
5. If it seems difficult to close them, STOP and check to see if you may have accidentally installed the battery incorrectly.

**NOTE:** If you are uncertain what to do, contact the person's hearing aid vendor or call an audiologist.



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## Recharging Hearing Aids

Newer hearing aids are often rechargeable and do not require battery changes. Most rechargeable hearing aids have Lithium-Ion rechargeable batteries. If you do not see a battery door, you will know this is a rechargeable hearing aid. Rechargeable batteries can take anywhere from two to four hours to charge and will power an aid for approximately 24 hours. These rechargeable batteries should last the life of the hearing aid (4 to 5 years).



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1. Always put the hearing aid(s) in the charging unit when they are not being worn. Constant charging will not drain or shorten battery life.
2. Always make sure the charging unit is plugged into the wall when the hearing aids are inside of it.
3. Ensure the hearing aids are dry and free of oils, wax and debris before you put them into the charging unit.
4. The hearing aids will turn off automatically once placed into the charging unit.
5. The charging unit's indicator light will begin to blink when the hearing aid(s) are charging.
6. The hearing aid(s) are fully charged once the charger's indicator light stops blinking and remains lit.
7. To remove the hearing aids, hold the casing of the hearing aids, not the wires or tubing of the hearing aids, as you remove them from the charging unit.
8. If the aid is not going to be worn for an unknown amount of time, simply turn them off and store them in a safe place where they cannot be damaged.

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