

Cochlear™ Nucleus® Aqua Accessory

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Aqua Accessory?

A: The Aqua Accessory is a soft, flexible plastic enclosure with a zip lock seal designed to hold a CP800 Series BTE sound processor, coil and coil cable to allow CI recipients to participate in water based activities.

Q: Is the Aqua Accessory waterproof?

A: Yes. The Aqua Accessory has achieved an IP68 ingress protection rating in 4 metres of still water for 2 hours. Cochlear also performed extensive "real life" testing to simulate bathing in soapy water and swimming in chlorine or salt water. It is likely that in humid locations some condensation will occur inside the Aqua Accessory. This is normal and expected.

Q: Which processor(s) is it compatible with?

A: The Aqua Accessory is designed to work with a CP800 Series processor with rechargeable batteries only.

Q: Why can't I use Zinc Air batteries?

A: Zinc Air batteries will not work inside the Aqua Accessory because the Aqua Accessory is air tight.

Q: How is the Aqua Accessory used?

A: The user seals the sound processor and coil inside the bag. It can then be worn behind the ear in the normal BTE position. If vigorous activity is anticipated, it is recommended that the recipient use a retention device such as swim cap or goggles or a safety line.

Q: What if the Aqua Accessory falls off?

A: Due to the design, the Aqua Accessory retains enough air in the bag to cause it to float should it come off the recipient's head. A retention device including a safety line is recommended for use in moving water such as oceans and rivers.

Q: Does Cochlear provide a swim cap or safety line?

A: At time of launch Cochlear does not plan to provide swim caps or safety lines with the Aqua Accessory.

Q: Where can I use the Aqua Accessory?

A: The Aqua Accessory has been designed to be used in any water based activity to a depth of 4 metres.

Q: Can I use the Aqua Accessory for Scuba diving?

A: Use of the Aqua Accessory is not recommended for Scuba diving as depths may exceed 4 metres.



Q: Can the Aqua Accessory be used in all types of water?

A: Yes, the Aqua Accessory can be used in saltwater, soapy bath/shower, chlorinated pools, partial salt water/chlorinated pools; anything which is safe for skin contact.

Q: Can people re-use the Aqua Accessory?

A: No. Aqua Accessory is designed for single use only. In order to provide proven water protection Cochlear created a double seal zip lock and a peel and seal flap was added to prevent accidental opening during use. Users must tear open the Aqua Accessory to remove the processor.

Q: How many come in a package?

A: There are three packaging configurations: a 5 pack, a 15 pack and a 30 pack.

Q: What happens if the Aqua Accessory fails?

A: In the unlikely event that a sealed Aqua Accessory fails, the processors intended for use with the Aqua Accessory have an IP rating of IP57 (up to 1 metre of water for 30 minutes) which should be adequate protection if any leakage occurs. The sound processor warranty is also valid if a processor is damaged with use of the Aqua Accessory, provided the Aqua Accessory is used in accordance with instructions.

Q: Can you use a SnugFit?

A: The current design does not accommodate a SnugFit.

Q: Is the Aqua Accessory latex free?

A: Yes, the Aqua Accessory is latex free.



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