

# INTUIS™

## Instruction Manual for INTUIS™ S Dir and Life Behind-the-Ear Hearing Instruments

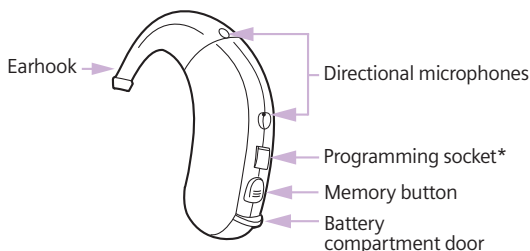


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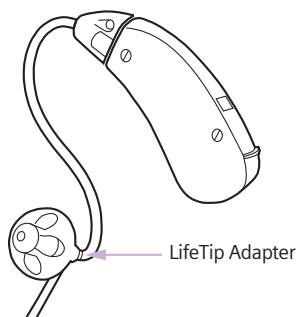
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## Your INTUIS™ hearing instrument

Siemens INTUIS™ Behind-the-Ear (BTE) hearing instruments are designed for comfort, performance and durability. Your BTE will look similar to one of the following illustrations (Fig. 1).



**INTUIS S Dir**



**INTUIS Life**

*Fig. 1: Location of features*

*\* For Hearing Care Professionals use only.*

## **Digital technology**

Inside your hearing instrument, the microphone, analog-to-digital converter, digital signal processor, receiver and other specialized components process sound that is directed to the eardrum and auditory system.

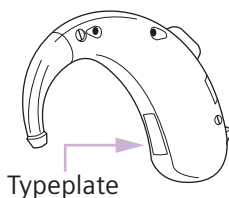
The microphone picks up sound waves from the air and converts them to electrical signals.

The analog-to-digital converter encodes the electrical signals into a format that is usable by the digital signal processor.

The digital signal processor has been programmed by your Hearing Care Professional to execute the required digital signal processing for your particular hearing loss.

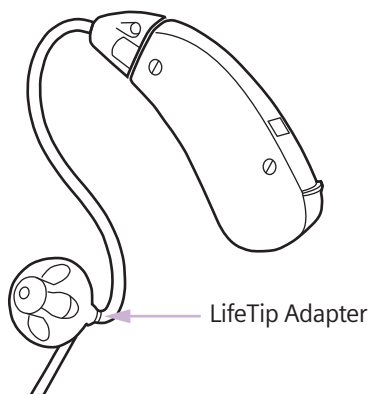
## Identifying the left and right hearing instruments

INTUIS BTEs may be color-coded for your convenience. The left ear hearing instrument may have a blue typeplate, and the right ear hearing instrument may have a red typeplate (Fig. 2).



*Fig. 2: Location of typeplate*

On INTUIS Life BTEs, the left ear hearing instrument also has a blue number on the LifeTip Adapter, and the right ear hearing instrument also has a red number on the LifeTip Adapter (Fig. 3).



*Fig. 3: Location of right and left designator on LifeTip Adapter*

## Using your INTUIS hearing instrument

### Battery size

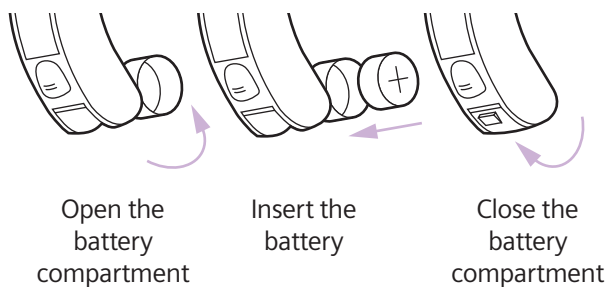
The chart below provides the proper battery size used in your hearing instrument. It's recommended that you also check with your Hearing Care Professional regarding the correct battery.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Battery size</u>
INTUIS S Dir Behind-the-Ear	13
INTUIS Life Behind-the-Ear	312

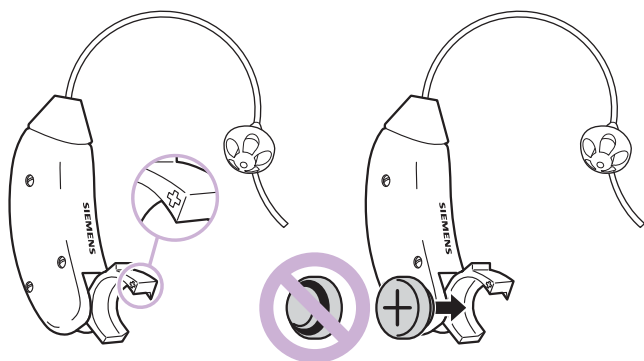
## Inserting the battery

To insert the battery into the hearing instrument, swivel open the door of the battery compartment. Place the proper size battery (see "Battery" section or consult your Hearing Care Professional) in the battery compartment so that the "+" symbol on the battery coincides with the "+" mark on the battery compartment door. Gently close the battery compartment. Do not force the door shut. If it does not close easily, check to see if the battery was inserted properly. When the battery door is completely closed, your hearing instrument is ready for operation (Fig. 4/Fig. 5).

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*Fig. 4: Inserting the battery into INTUIS S Dir*



*Fig. 5: Inserting the battery into INTUIS Life*

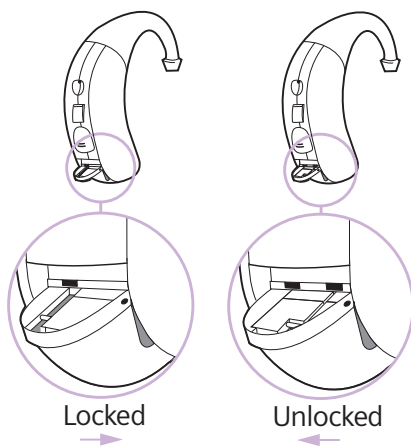
### **Battery compartment door lock (not available on INTUIS Life)**

INTUIS hearing instruments are equipped with a lock that prevents the unintentional opening of the battery compartment. This feature is located on the inner side of the hearing aid battery compartment door (Fig. 6).

Pushing the slide toward the right locks the battery compartment door. Pushing the slide toward the left unlocks the battery compartment for opening (Fig. 6). Your Hearing Care

Professional can instruct you on the use of this feature, if required.

Remember, the battery should be removed when your hearing instrument is not in use. This prevents possible damage from battery leakage and avoids draining the battery if the hearing instrument is not switched off.



*Fig. 6: Battery compartment door lock*

## **Low battery indicator**

Your instrument may be programmed to inform you when the battery should be replaced for best hearing instrument performance. You may hear an intermittent series of beeps and/or experience low amplification power or volume. Change the battery immediately when either of these occur.

## **Turning the hearing instrument on or off**

Using the battery door, insert a battery into the instrument and completely close the door to turn the instrument on. To turn the instrument off using the battery door, open it to the first catch.

Your hearing instrument may also be programmed to allow you to turn it on and off using the memory button, where applicable. To turn the instrument off using the memory button, press and hold the button for 3 – 5 seconds. To turn the instrument back on, press and hold the memory button for 3 – 5 seconds.

Please note that after having turned the instrument off using the memory button, you must wait approximately 10 seconds for the system to reset before turning the instrument back on again by using the memory button.

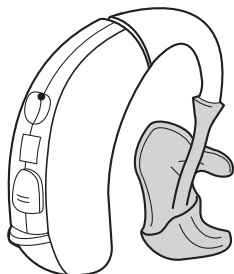
Check with your Hearing Care Professional about which on/off functions are available on your hearing instrument.

### **Power-on delay feature**

Your hearing instrument may be equipped with an advanced power-on delay feature. This feature delays sound from entering your hearing instrument when it is first turned on, so that you may insert the instrument into your ear without experiencing unpleasant feedback (whistling).

**Attaching the earmold** (where provided)

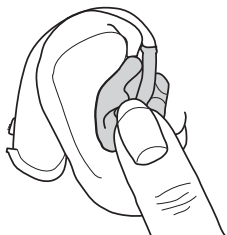
If your earmold detaches, gently insert the earhook of the hearing instrument into the tubing and earmold supplied by your Hearing Care Professional (Fig. 7).



*Fig. 7: Attaching the earmold*

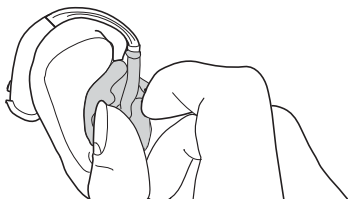
## **Inserting and removing INTUIS hearing instruments with an earmold**

Take the earmold between your thumb and index finger. Gently work the earmold into its proper position by adjusting it until it is firmly seated in your ear. Then lift the hearing instrument over the top of your ear and adjust it to fit behind your ear (Fig. 8).



*Fig. 8: Inserting the hearing instrument*

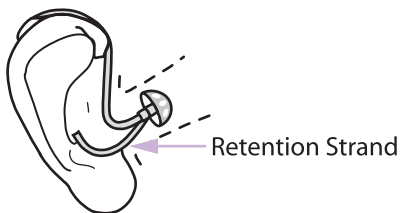
Lightly push on the back of the ear to help release the earmold and gently pull it out (Fig. 9).



*Fig. 9: Removing the hearing instrument*

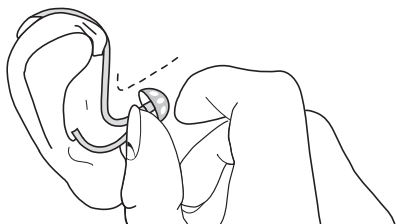
## Inserting and removing the INTUIS Life hearing instrument

Take the LifeTip between your thumb and index finger. Gently work the LifeTip into its proper position by adjusting it until it is firmly seated in your ear. Then lift the hearing instrument over the top of your ear and adjust it to fit behind your ear (Fig. 10). Finally, place the retention strand into the bottom of the "bowl" of your ear.



*Fig. 10: Inserting the hearing instrument*

To remove the instrument, **gently** pull the LifeTip out of your ear (Fig. 11) and carefully lift the hearing instrument off of your ear. Do not pull or tug on the LifeTube to remove the LifeTip or instrument.



*Fig. 11: Removing the hearing instrument*

### **Health considerations**

If soreness or skin irritation develops, discontinue wearing your hearing instrument, and bring the instrument and earmold to your Hearing Care Professional. Minor fit adjustments and earmold modification can often correct this condition. If soreness persists, discontinue wearing the hearing instrument and see your physician.

If excessive earwax accumulates when wearing your hearing instrument, consult your Hearing Care Professional.

## Using the memory button

### (INTUIS S Dir only)

Your INTUIS S Dir BTE hearing instrument may have up to 4 memories, also called hearing programs. The memories are selected with the memory button. Each memory is different and designed to help you hear better.

When initially turned on (after the battery compartment door is closed) the microphone is ON and ready for general use, the default is memory 1. Your Hearing Care Professional will provide you with the number of memories most appropriate for your needs. Each time you press the memory button, your INTUIS S Dir BTE hearing instrument changes to the next memory. The memory change is confirmed by alerting tones or beeps which correlate to the memory you are in. That means if you select memory "3" then the hearing instrument beeps 3 times.

Below is a list of listening environments programmed into your INTUIS hearing instrument.

<b>Memory number</b>	<b>Listening environment</b>
1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	Telecoil

## Using the directional microphone system

### **(INTUIS S Dir only)**

According to your hearing needs, the hearing instrument can be adjusted to focus on those sounds in front of you (directional mode), for when you are having a face to face conversation in a noisy environment. The hearing instrument can also be adjusted for when you are participating in more quiet environments and want to hear the sounds around you (omnidirectional).

Your Hearing Care Professional will program the operation of the directional microphone system to function in conjunction with the memory button based on your particular hearing requirements. Consult your Hearing Care Professional for more information on use of the directional microphone system based on the settings of your specific hearing instrument(s).

## **Using the telephone (INTUIS S Dir only)**

The T-coil (telecoil) mode is intended for telephone use. In the T-coil mode, place the telephone receiver close to your hearing instrument for best reception. By trying various positions of the telephone receiver, you will discover what works best for you.

***Note:** In order for the telecoil to function properly, your telephone must be "hearing aid compatible." Check your telephone's instruction manual to find out whether your phone has this capability.*

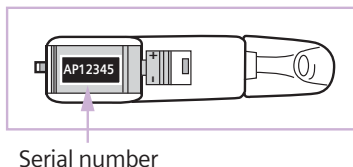
Your Hearing Care Professional can advise you on the proper use of all hearing instrument settings.

## Identification information

Your hearing instrument has a serial number engraved on it. The location of the serial number will vary according to the style of hearing instrument you have chosen.

The year of manufacture is incorporated into the serial number. The warranty is based upon the date of purchase, not date of manufacture.

The serial number may look similar to this sample: AP12345. The second letter of this serial number refers to the year of manufacture of the hearing aid. The letters progress in one-year increments, each reflecting the corresponding year. The letter P indicates that the year of manufacture is 2007, the letter Q means the year of manufacture is 2008, and so on. Your Hearing Care Professional can answer any questions you may have about the identifying code on your hearing instrument.



*Fig. 13: Identification information*

## Maintenance and care

Consult your Hearing Care Professional about appropriate cleaning and maintenance for your particular type of earmold(s) or LifeTube(s) and LifeTip(s).

Always store your hearing instrument inside its case. A soft carrying pouch is also included for your convenience when traveling.

**Never immerse your hearing instrument in water!**

If needed, your INTUIS hearing instrument can be wiped with a tissue or other clean, dry cloth.



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