

Artone Mic Review



The Artone Mic is a tiny, remote mic with terrific sound. It sends the signal to the Artone 3 MAX BlueTooth neckloop.* Together these two devices give cochlear implant and hearing aid users terrific access to sound. Cochlear implant processors or hearing aids need to have an active telecoil to use neckloops.



I reviewed the Artone 3 MAX BlueTooth neckloop previously. I love it and use it everyday with my cochlear implants. It has terrific sound quality and is tiny and light. I can wear it under my shirt and not even notice that I have it on.



Two things stand out to me with the Artone Mic. First, its size! I still can not believe how tiny and light this remote mic is. It can be clipped onto anyone, no matter how young. It sounds great whether it is clipped vertically or horizontally so we have lots of attachment options. Second, its sound quality! Terrific sound quality. Speech is very clear.

The Artone Mic works inside our home even when on different levels. It does not need line of sight.

The Artone Mic has a volume/sensitivity control so we can adjust both volume and the size of the sound bubble by increasing or decreasing that control. We can also adjust volume on the Artone 3 MAX neckloop as well. These volume options enable us to set the balance we want between the remote mic sound and our CI processor/HA mics when on MT setting. We can emphasize the signal from the Artone Mic, emphasize the signal from our CI processor/HA mics or equally balance the signals between them. We may also choose to hear solely from the Artone Mic by using our T setting. These balancing settings are quick and easy to change so we can alter them depending on our listening needs in different situations. Wonderful options for balancing and choosing sound levels!

The Artone Mic will be helpful in many situations including.....

- listening to people in the back of the car while driving
- listening to friends while biking, jogging, etc.
- listening to people in noisy places (clip onto one speaker or set on the table for small groups)
- listening to a presenter at a lecture or at church
- listening to young children (It is so small and light even young children can wear it.)
- listening at an outdoor presentation, wedding, etc
- listening to small groups of people at clubs, conferences, meetings, etc

Since the Artone Mic uses telecoil, its impact on battery life is much less than other remote mic systems. Both the Artone Mic and the Artone 3 MAX BlueTooth neckloop may be purchased directly from Artone or from online vendors like Amazon.

* The Artone Mic may work with other BT neckloops as well. I tested it with the Artone 3 MAX BT neckloop.

Reminder: Telecoils may encounter electromagnetic interference (EMI) that sounds like buzzing in certain situations (buses, trains, planes, close to microwave ovens/dryers, close to strong wiring in walls, etc).

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