



How to Maximize Battery Life

First, it is helpful for you to understand a little about how hearing aid batteries work. They are called zinc air batteries because they are activated by air. Underneath the tab are tiny air holes. When you pull the tab off, air enters the battery and interacts with the ingredients, producing electricity.

Your Environment and Battery Handling Can Affect Battery life.

Battery performance will be impeded if anything gets into those air holes and clogs them. Dirt, or even skin oils, can clog these miniscule holes. So it's best to minimize battery handling before inserting it into the hearing aid.

Loud and busy environments can shorten battery life. For example, a person in a Las Vegas casino may notice their battery doesn't last as long as it does at home. That's because processing the casino's many loud sounds all at once requires a lot of battery "juice". This same principle applies to a concert or even a lively family get-together.

Tips to Help Extend Hearing Aid Battery Life:

- If your hearing aid has an On/Off switch, turning it to the "Off" position will stop the aid from drawing power from the battery.
- If your hearing aid doesn't turn off, open the door of the aid while you sleep so that aid circuitry will not be in full contact with the battery. Also, more air may circulate in and around the battery, removing moisture and extending battery life.
- Store batteries at room temperature. Exposure to heat, cold or moisture can shorten battery life.
- Use a Dry Aid Kit and leave the battery in the hearing aid. Ear wax, body temperature, normal perspiration and humid weather can make your ear moist. Research shows that the kits work to dry the excess moisture out of the hearing aid.
- Use a hearing aid battery dispenser.
 - Energizer® Amplifier® EZ Change® dispenses the battery onto a magnet that you use to put the battery directly into the aid. As the battery is pushed onto the magnet, the tab is automatically removed for you! Yes, a touchless process means that you have just eliminated any chance of clogging the air holes with skin oils.
 - The dispenser doubles as a carrying case to keep batteries safe from loss or damage (coins and keys can short-circuit batteries). At about the size of a silver dollar, it easily fits in a purse or pocket. The magnet is not powerful enough to harm batteries or credit cards.
 - Because the magnet holds the battery, the risk of fumbling and dropping batteries is minimized. And, the same magnetic arm can be used to remove used batteries from the hearing aid.

