
Ear Technology Corporation

Operating Instructions



Dry & Store[®]

Hearing Aid Conditioning System

The World's First Digital Conditioner for Hearing Aids

Read All Instructions Before Using This Hearing Aid Conditioning System Important Safeguards

When using electrical products, especially when children are present, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including:

DANGER - To reduce the risk of electrocution:

- Do not use or store outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- Do not place or store product where it can fall or be pulled into tub or sink.
- Do not place in or drop into water or other liquid.
- Do not reach for this device if it has fallen into water. Unplug immediately.

WARNING - To reduce the risks of burns, electrocution, fire, or injury:

- Closely supervise use by, on, or near children or invalids. Not for use as a toy.
- Use this product only for its intended use as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended desiccant.
- Never operate this product if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, if it has been dropped or damaged, or dropped into water. Return it to the place of purchase for examination and repair.
- Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Never place this product on a soft surface such as a couch or bed.
- Do not use outdoors or operate where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
- Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close door on cord, or pull cord around sharp corners or edges.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle plug or appliance with wet hands.
- To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.
- Dry & Store uses germicidal ultraviolet light (UV) for sanitizing. Do not modify or override any working components which may allow exposure to UV light.
- Use only for drying and conditioning of hearing aid devices.
- This appliance has no user-serviceable parts. Case should not be opened.

CAUTION: Do not turn unit over with desiccant or hearing aids inside. Drawer can jam, making removal of the hearing aids difficult. Unplug unit immediately and return to place of purchase for removal.

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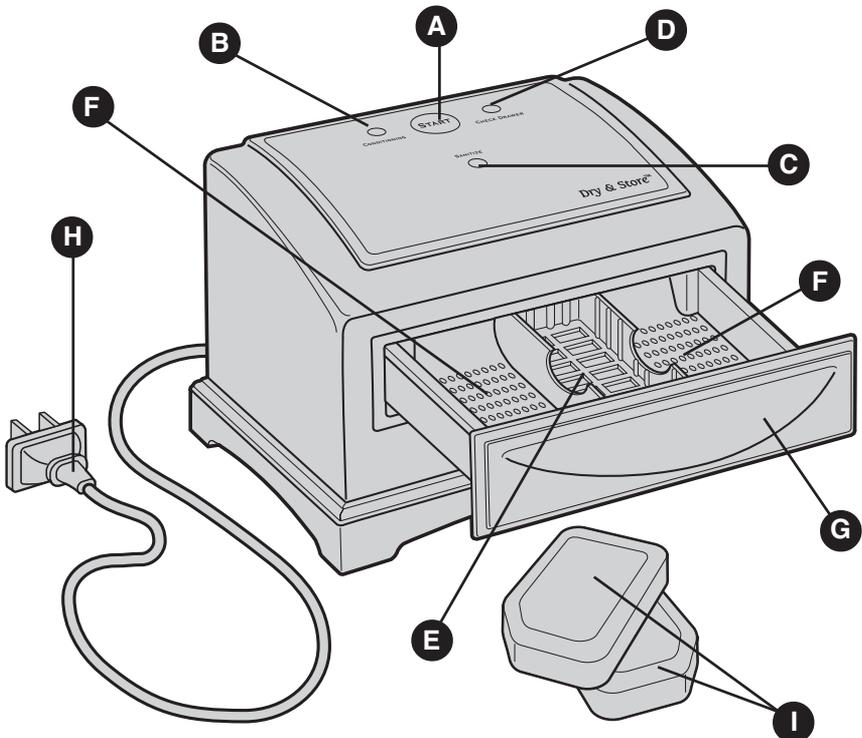
Introduction

Your Dry & Store[®] hearing aid conditioning system is designed to provide you with a highly effective and convenient way of proper hearing aid conditioning. Daily use will significantly enhance the performance and life of your hearing aid. Dry & Store not only removes damaging moisture accumulation—even at the molecular level—but also sanitizes and deodorizes your hearing aid in the same cycle. To get the most from this revolutionary patented device, we suggest that you take a few moments to read through this instruction manual.

Getting Started

Before the first use, it is a good idea to become acquainted with the features of your Dry & Store.

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| A Start Button | F Hearing Aid Trays |
| B Conditioning Indicator | G Drawer Handle |
| C Sanitizing Indicator | H Power Cord |
| D Check Drawer Indicator | I Desiccant (2 included) |
| E Desiccant Tray | |



Operation

Your Dry & Store is very simple and straightforward in its operation. It has been designed to accept all types of commonly-used hearing aid styles, and it will also condition cochlear implant microphones, headpieces, and behind-the-ear speech processing units.

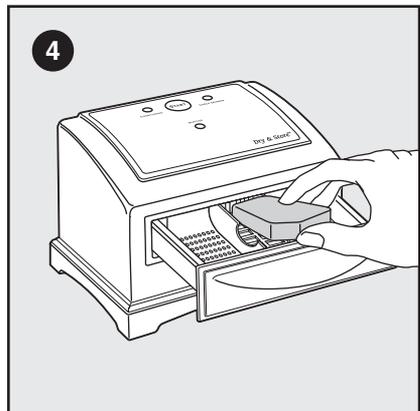
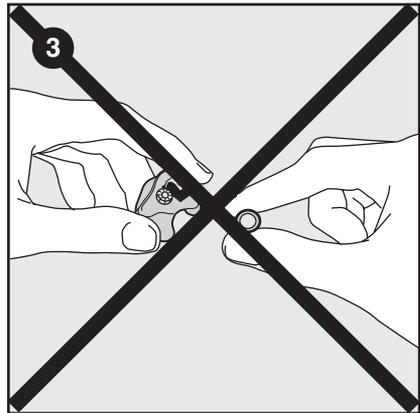
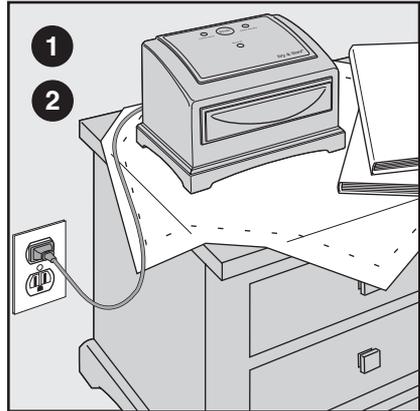
1. Choose a convenient location that is close to an available electrical outlet. We suggest that the product be located in an area of your home where you have become accustomed to the removal of your hearing aid, such as a bedroom bureau or dresser.
2. Plug the power cord into a non-switched wall outlet.
3. It is **not** necessary to remove the battery from your hearing aid.

Leave the battery compartment open for maximum conditioning of the internal components.

Independent tests by a world leader in zinc-air batteries have shown that under high humidity conditions, Dry & Store use can increase hearing aid battery life by 10 to 20%.

4. Make sure the gold outer packaging (leave the clear plastic wrap on!) has been removed from the desiccant and that the desiccant is properly seated in its tray, with the copper strip facing to the rear of the drawer. Reinsert the desiccant if the red “check drawer” light flickers or remains on when the drawer is closed.

Important: Do not remove the clear plastic wrapper from the desiccant. Your Dry & Store unit will not operate without it in place.



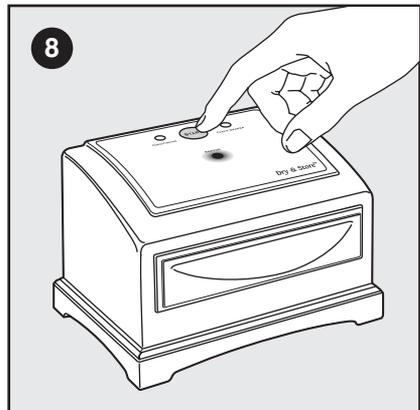
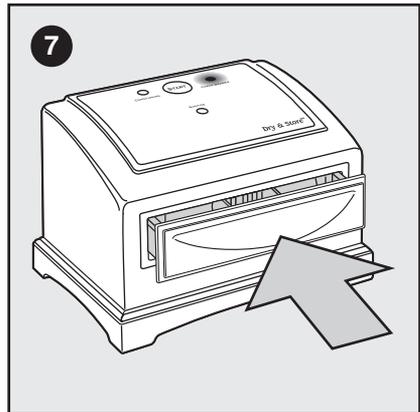
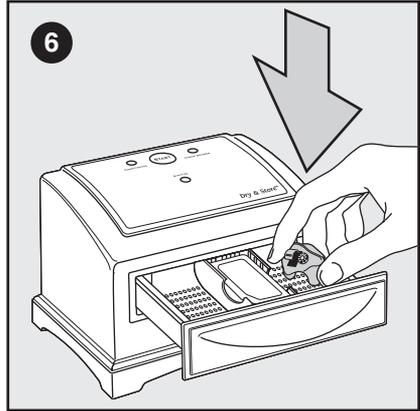
5. Wipe excess moisture and ear wax from your hearing aids before placing them in the drawer.
6. Open the drawer and place your hearing aids in a tray on either side of the desiccant.

Note to users of behind-the-ear aids: It is usually not necessary to remove the tubing from the hearing aid when using Dry & Store. However, if moisture is evident in the tubes after conditioning, occasional separation might be helpful, especially with very small diameter tubing.

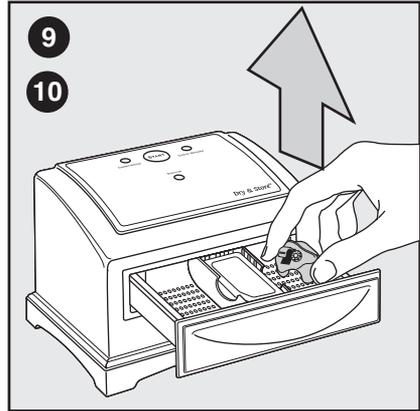
7. Close drawer completely. The red indicator will illuminate if the drawer is not closed completely or if the desiccant is not properly positioned and/or is missing.

Caution: Do not leave drawer open, as the effectiveness of the desiccant will be reduced due to moisture absorption from the surrounding air. We do not recommend use of Dry & Store in bathrooms or in other high humidity locations.

8. Gently depress the Start Button. Once the conditioning cycle begins the green indicator will illuminate. The conditioning cycle will last for 8 hours and will automatically shut off. At the beginning of the conditioning cycle, the eight minute sanitizing cycle begins and the blue indicator also illuminates. Once sanitizing is complete, the blue indicator will automatically turn off, but conditioning will continue for the remainder of the eight hour cycle (green light stays on).



9. The ultraviolet light in your Dry & Store unit is effective against the bacteria that can cause itching, irritation, and infections of the external ear canal. However, only exposed surfaces will receive the germicidal effects of the light. In cases of active infections, users should turn the hearing aid over at the end of the first sanitizing cycle (blue light goes off), re-close the drawer and depress the Start button once again. The Dry & Store conditioning cycle is reset each time the drawer is opened and then re-closed.



10. Hearing aids can be removed at any time. While maximum results come from routine use over the full eight hour cycle, some drying will occur over periods as short as 30 minutes.

About the Dry & Store Desiccant

- Routine replacement of the disposable desiccant is necessary. Each desiccant contains a moisture-sensitive indicator which tells you when it is time for replacement. As moisture is absorbed by the desiccant, the indicator will change from blue to lavender and finally to pink. Replace when the desiccant is light pink (lavender is still good).
- Desiccant life varies widely with the seasons and geographic location. During warm seasons, a desiccant is expected to be usable for a month or two, while during colder seasons several months are likely. Desiccant saturation reflects humidity levels, so local variations are to be expected.

Dry & Store
CONDITIONING INDICATOR



What the Color Above Means:
Blue = Working
Shades of Pink = Time to Change

Contact your hearing aid dispenser
for refills.

**DO NOT REMOVE
PLASTIC WRAPPER!**

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Important: In order for proper drying to occur, moisture from the hearing aids must be permanently removed. The Dry & Store desiccant does this very well, but it should be replaced when the indicator turns light pink (lavender is still good). Check the moisture-sensitive indicator with each use. Contact the place of purchase for replacement desiccants.

General Product Care

To keep your Dry & Store attractive and working properly, follow these guidelines:

- Best results come from an entire Dry & Store cycle, but conditioning occurs even over periods as short as thirty minutes.
- Do not operate Dry & Store in a high-humidity environment such as a bathroom. Such environments will accelerate desiccant depletion. Additionally, you may experience greater desiccant usage during high humidity periods of the year. Keep the drawer closed at all times.
- Dry & Store as an ideal safe and dry storage area. Keep your hearing aids inside it when not in use.
- Avoid putting Dry & Store near heating appliances.
- Do not expose to direct sunlight or moisture.
- Avoid dropping or rough treatment.
- Clean with a soft cloth.
- To avoid damaging the finish, never use strong cleaning agents or abrasive powder.
- Retain the original packaging in case you need to ship it at a later date.



Service

- 1) Refer to the Troubleshooting Guide on page 8 to determine the proper course of action.
- 2) Should service be necessary, refer to the instructions on the enclosed card, which explains procedures to be followed.

Purchase date _____

Place of purchase _____

Serial number _____

NOTE: The serial number for your unit is located on the side of the white product box, immediately below the words “The serial # of this unit is:” Do not turn the Dry & Store unit over with hearing aids or a desiccant inside.

Troubleshooting Guide

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Red light illuminated</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawer open or ajar • Desiccant missing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close door • Install desiccant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Red light still illuminated or flickers off & on when drawer is closed</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desiccant not seated properly • Clear plastic wrap missing from desiccant • Copper strip missing from desiccant • Electronic malfunction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove and reposition desiccant • Install new desiccant with plastic wrap in place • Install new desiccant • Return to place of purchase for evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blue light not illuminating at start of cycle, but green light is working</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UV lamp not working 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to place of purchase for evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blue light not illuminating at start of cycle, no green light either</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See below 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See below
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No red light when drawer is open</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit unplugged • No power to outlet • Unit malfunction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check power cord at wall outlet • Move unit to a known functional outlet • If still not functional, return to place of purchase for evaluation