

Hearing Aid Compatible Telephones
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(1) Digital wireless phones tested: Carrier operates a 1900 MHz GSM system and acquires wireless telephone handsets manufactured by Nokia, Motorola, Audiovox, Sony Ericsson, Kyocera, Sendo, and Panasonic (collectively, "Vendors"). Carrier carries several GSM handsets that are compliant with the ANSI C63.19 standard ("Compliant Phones"). However, Carrier does not conduct the laboratory testing of handset devices for compliance with the ANSI C63.19 standard. It relies upon its Vendor to conduct testing and to confirm the compliance of each specific handset device.

(2) Laboratory used: As indicated herein, Carrier does not conduct the laboratory testing of handset devices for compliance with the ANSI C63.19 standard. It relies upon its Vendor to conduct testing and to confirm the compliance of each specific handset device.

(3) Test results for each phone tested: According to its Vendors, the Compliant Phones deployed by Carrier have tested positively for M3 compliance.

(4) Identification of compliant phone models and ratings according to ANSI C63.19: According to the Vendors, the following models sold by carrier are rated M3 or higher under standard ANSI C63.19-2005: Nokia Model #'s 6620 & 6230.

(5) Status of product labeling: Carrier relies upon the manufacturers to label all products prior to their shipment to our retail locations.

(6) Outreach efforts: Now that Compliant Phones have become available, Carrier has trained its retail salespeople regarding which digital wireless phones are compliant. In addition, written materials, pamphlets and other promotional literature are provided at the point of sale, addressing the needs of individuals with hearing disabilities. .

(7) Retail availability of compliant phones: Compliant Phones are or soon will be available in all of Carrier's retail outlets.

(8) Incorporation of hearing aid compatibility features into newer models of digital wireless phones: Carrier relies upon handset manufacturers to incorporate HAC features into future GSM phones.

9) Activities related to ANSI C63.19 or other standards work intended to promote compliance with the FCC Order: Carrier is ready and willing to offer additional compliant devices to interested customers, and will encourage its Vendors to expedite the availability of advanced handset devices.

(10) Number of compliant and non-compliant phone models offered at this time: Carrier's core assortment presently includes numerous GSM handsets. Two (2) of these handsets are Compliant Phones.

(11) Differences in handset offerings among regions in service areas, if any: There are no differences in handset offerings among regions in Carrier's service area. Carrier's handset offerings are presently consistent in all markets.

(12) Ongoing efforts for interoperability testing with hearing aid devices: Carrier will rely mainly upon its Vendor to conduct interoperability testing of Compliant Phones, and will provide to consumers information about those efforts upon request.