

Hearing Aid Styles Guide

BTE, ITE, ITC, CIC, and IIC: A Complete Overview | Hearvana Audiology

Behind-the-Ear (BTE)

- Main unit sits behind the ear, tube connects to an ear mold in the canal
- Most powerful style, handles severe to profound hearing loss
- Easiest to handle, clean, and repair

Receiver-in-Canal (RIC/RITE)

- Similar to BTE but with the receiver placed inside the ear canal
- Thinner, more discreet than traditional BTE
- Best for mild to severe hearing loss with natural sound quality

In-the-Ear (ITE)

- Custom-molded shell that fills the outer ear
- Handles mild to severe loss, easier volume control
- Larger size means longer battery life and easier handling

In-the-Canal (ITC)

- Smaller than ITE, sits partly in the ear canal
- Suitable for mild to moderately severe hearing loss
- Less visible than ITE styles

Completely-in-Canal (CIC) and Invisible-in-Canal (IIC)

- Deepest placement, nearly or completely invisible
- Limited power, suitable for mild hearing loss only
- Smaller battery size means more frequent changes

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