

**your
helpful
guide to**

Hearing Protection

Under The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 noise legislation employers must provide suitable hearing protection where noise exceeds 80dB(A), all EU member states should have complied with the new directive as of February 2006.

Continued exposure to noise above 80dB(A) may cause permanent hearing damage. Many employers not affected under previous legislation will now have to be considered. For example people working in light industry, utility workers, bar staff and public service employees may now be exposed and must be provided with adequate protection. Choosing the correct hearing protection for your needs can be difficult; the hearing protectors should neither over nor under protect the user.

Exposure Action Values

Lower - 80dB(A)/135dB peak - make hearing protection available

Upper - 85dB(A)/137dB peak - hearing protection to be worn

Exposure limit value: - 87dB(A)/140dB peak - at the ear,
including hearing protection

Products comply to EN352