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Test by: Michael and Associates
Test ID: Q184A
Test Date: March 2, 2001
Test Method: ANSI S3.19-1974
NRR: 25

At the time this product was tested by Michael and Associates it was referred to as "Aearo 2014-I-insert type hearing protector" and this is the product designation shown on Report Q184A,

The identical product is being sold in various markets under the following brand names and Test ID Q184A is valid for each:

E•A•R® UltraFit®
E•A•R® UltraFit® Metal Detectable



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March 2, 2001

Hearing Protective Device Test Report Number Q184A Revision 1

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Date of Sample Receipt: 2/7/01

Date of Sample Test: 2/9/01-2/28/01

Attenuation measurements have been performed according to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Specifications, ANSI S3.19-1974, using the experimenter-fit protocol, on the Aearo 2014-I insert-type hearing protector worn (test ID Q184A). The specified threshold measurement data were obtained using ten normal-hearing listeners, five male and five female, with ages ranging from 19 to 45 years. These listeners were selected from a standby group of about 35 volunteers, mostly graduate students, who regularly serve as listeners for measurements of this kind.

The measurements were made in a room designed for this purpose. All acoustic characteristics of the room meet the requirements outlined in ANSI S3.19-1974. The ambient noise levels in this room are below the limits specified in ANSI S3.19-1974, and open ear thresholds are used on a continuing basis to monitor the background noise levels. An automatic recording attenuator was used to record both open and occluded ear thresholds.

Each of ten subjects was tested three times at each of nine test frequencies. The attached Tables show grand mean attenuation values in decibels (dB) for each test signal along with group attenuation values. Standard deviations (S.D.) for the 30 different attenuation determinations for each test signal are also given. The results presented in this report pertain to the samples tested only.

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Kevin Michael, Ph.D.
President

3/2/01

Date

INDIVIDUAL AND SUMMARY ATTENUATION DATA FOR
HEARING PROTECTIVE DEVICES

TEST METHOD: ANSI S3.19-1974
MANUFACTURER: AEARO
MODEL: 2014-I

POSITION: INSERT
DATE: 3/01/01
TEST ID #: Q184A

FREQUENCY IN HERTZ

| SUBJECT | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1000 | 2000 | 3150 | 4000 | 6300 | 8000 |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 28 | 28 | 35 | 31 | 32 | 37 | 40 | 46 | 40 |
| | 26 | 23 | 31 | 29 | 29 | 38 | 40 | 40 | 41 |
| | 23 | 25 | 33 | 30 | 31 | 39 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| 2 | 32 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 38 | 45 | 49 | 47 | 48 |
| | 35 | 35 | 38 | 41 | 47 | 47 | 52 | 44 | 50 |
| | 24 | 30 | 36 | 37 | 41 | 45 | 44 | 40 | 45 |
| 3 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 29 | 32 | 37 | 35 | 42 | 51 |
| | 22 | 25 | 26 | 30 | 35 | 32 | 32 | 38 | 42 |
| | 26 | 29 | 28 | 29 | 32 | 35 | 31 | 43 | 50 |
| 4 | 29 | 27 | 32 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 38 | 41 | 44 |
| | 26 | 24 | 27 | 26 | 30 | 33 | 37 | 37 | 40 |
| | 22 | 23 | 25 | 29 | 33 | 39 | 37 | 35 | 39 |
| 5 | 31 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 48 | 47 | 44 | 44 |
| | 27 | 29 | 28 | 33 | 37 | 48 | 46 | 45 | 48 |
| | 30 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 37 | 49 | 46 | 44 | 48 |
| 6 | 26 | 28 | 36 | 37 | 39 | 38 | 45 | 47 | 49 |
| | 25 | 27 | 38 | 34 | 37 | 41 | 46 | 43 | 47 |
| | 24 | 32 | 36 | 40 | 37 | 35 | 43 | 39 | 48 |
| 7 | 22 | 27 | 28 | 33 | 35 | 47 | 38 | 45 | 42 |
| | 26 | 30 | 28 | 32 | 33 | 46 | 37 | 42 | 40 |
| | 21 | 25 | 29 | 31 | 32 | 44 | 40 | 37 | 37 |
| 8 | 32 | 31 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 43 | 41 | 45 |
| | 35 | 35 | 39 | 35 | 32 | 36 | 44 | 46 | 44 |
| | 36 | 39 | 44 | 41 | 34 | 42 | 44 | 44 | 47 |
| 9 | 33 | 37 | 39 | 33 | 35 | 39 | 41 | 47 | 44 |
| | 35 | 38 | 38 | 35 | 35 | 49 | 49 | 45 | 51 |
| | 33 | 36 | 35 | 36 | 34 | 45 | 47 | 45 | 45 |
| 10 | 34 | 32 | 34 | 36 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 44 | 38 |
| | 35 | 28 | 30 | 37 | 36 | 34 | 42 | 46 | 48 |
| | 31 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 37 | 35 | 44 | 40 | 39 |

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|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| MEANS | 28.5 | 30.0 | 32.9 | 33.5 | 34.9 | 40.4 | 41.9 | 42.7 | 44.6 |
| STD. DEV. | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 3.3 | 4.1 |

NRR = 25 dB

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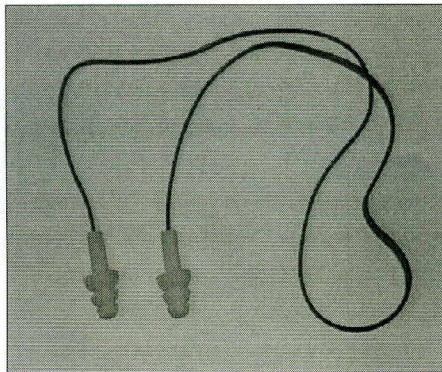
MANUFACTURER: AEARO
MODEL: 2014-I
POSITION: INSERT

DATE: 3/01/01
TEST ID#: Q184A

Measurements were made according to American National Standards Institute Specifications ANSI S3.19-1974.

| Center Frequency in Hz | Mean Attenuation in dB | Group Attenuation in dB | Standard Deviation in dB |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 125 | 28.5 | 58.5 | 4.7 |
| 250 | 30.0 | | 4.6 |
| 500 | 32.9 | | 4.6 |
| 1000 | 33.5 | | 4.0 |
| 2000 | 34.9 | 183.5 | 3.6 |
| 3150 | 40.4 | | 5.4 |
| 4000 | 41.9 | | 5.1 |
| 6300 | 42.7 | 87.3 | 3.3 |
| 8000 | 44.6 | | 4.1 |

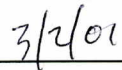
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