Care/Maintenance of Earplugs and Earmuffs

Ensure optimal fit and protection through proper care and maintenance of your Howard Leight® earplugs and earmuffs!

**Disposable Earplugs**

Inspect
Prior to fitting, discard if earplug is dirty, damaged, hard or stiff.

Hygiene
To maintain hygiene, discard disposable earplugs at the end of every shift.

**Reusable Earplugs**

Inspect
Prior to fitting, discard if earplug is dirty, damaged, hard or stiff.

Clean
Wash reusable earplugs with mild soap and warm water only. Dry thoroughly and store in a case when not in use. Use of cleaners other than mild soap and water may damage the material, making it ineffective.

Hygiene
With proper maintenance, reusable earplugs should be replaced every 2-4 weeks. Push-in foam earplugs should be replaced every 5 days.

**Banded Earplugs**

Inspect
Inspect band and earpods prior to fitting. Replace earpods if they are dirty, damaged, hard or stiff. Replace the band if it becomes brittle or deformed.

Clean
Clean the band and earpods with mild soap and warm water only, and dry thoroughly. Use of cleaners other than mild soap and water may damage the materials.

Replace
Replace pods every 2-4 weeks to ensure optimal protection and performance.

**Earmuffs**

Inspect
Regularly inspect earcups and cushions for cracks and leaks. Ensure that the headband is not deformed. Discard if earcups or headband are damaged or deformed. Replace cushions if they are damaged, dirty, hard or stiff.

Clean
Wipe the earcups and cushions clean with mild soap and warm water. Do not immerse in water. Use of cleaners other than mild soap and water may damage the materials.

Replace
As ear cushions and foam inserts can degrade over time, replace these every 6-8 months under normal wear, or every 3-4 months with heavy use or in humid/extreme climates. Hygiene Kits are available for most earmuff models.