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Have an idea for our next issue or want to be featured in the technician spotlight? Email all submissions to CPT Lauren Herzog (contact info above)

3M Combat Arms Earplug v. 4 (CAEv4) Defect Issue

On Monday, 22 August 2022, The Installation Hearing Program Manager at Ft. Sill, OK reported two defects in a limited number of 3M™ CAEv4 (single sided) earplugs.

Defects include both cracked/damaged filter stems and missing filters (see images on right). 3M is aware of the issue and taking corrective action.

To ensure the safety of all Army service members and noise-exposed civilian personnel, any individual using the CAEv4 should immediately check his/her hearing protector for defect.

You may continue to issue these plugs. You must ensure they are free of any

defect prior to fitting. Show the user how to remove the flanged plug for cleaning purposes and at the same time how to inspect the casing and filter for any defect. Replace immediately if noted.

If you find any defective plugs, please contact your local hearing program manager.



CAEv4 – Defective (missing filter)



CAEv4 – Defective (cracked stem)



CAEv4 – Normal – No crack (left) – Filter present (right)

Is Your DOEHS-HC Version Up To Date?

The current DOEHS-HC version is 4.2.3.0. If you are using an out of date version of DOEHS-HC, your hearing program manager can send you or your IMD technician the download file.

DOEHS-HC version 4.2.3.0 calculates the projected hearing profile based on the most current standards (AR 40-502).

You can check which version of DOEHS-HC you are using

when you log in to the desktop application or in the DOEHS-DR. (DR Link: <https://doehrswww.csd.disa.mil/doehrsdr/>)



Public Health Command Europe

Army Hearing Program

Our mission is to maximize hearing and communication thus contributing to survivability, lethality, mission effectiveness and quality of life through four distinct yet overlapping pillars: Hearing Readiness, Clinical Hearing Services, Operational Hearing Services and Hearing Conservation.

Our vision is to optimize Soldier readiness and survivability through hearing health education, appropriately fitted hearing protection devices (HPDs) and annual monitoring audiometry.

For more information on what we do and upcoming trainings, visit the link below:

<https://mrc-europe.army.mil/Public-Health-Command-Europe/-Programs-Services/Army-Hearing-Program/>

Hearing Technician Spotlight

The Army Hearing Program in Europe would like to highlight:

Hailey Alter



Hailey is the lead technician at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and has been expertly performing tasks usually associated with the program manager during the underlap caused by PCS season.

Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Favorite Sound: Her husband's laugh

Hearing Program Officer Requirements

Army in Europe Regulation 40-501 states: Commanders are required to appoint, on orders, an individual (military or civilian) who is a staff sergeant, staff sergeant equivalent, or above to act as the unit hearing program (HP) officer.

Brigade and battalion-level units must appoint at least one HP officer. Geographically dispersed battalions will appoint at least one company-level HP officer at each distinct location to provide area coverage.

HP officers have several responsibilities, some of which include: ensuring Soldiers are completing required hearing evaluations including follow-ups, coordinating or providing unit hearing health education, and maintaining an adequate supply of approved hearing protection.

HP officer training is approximately 4 hours and can be coordinated through your local HPM.

Interesting Fact:

MILPER 22-215 makes active-duty members and veterans who suffered a perforated eardrum during combat service entitled to the Purple Heart.



Image from: <https://www.defense.gov/News/Feature-Stories/story/Article/1650949/the-purple-heart-americas-oldest-medal/>