

First Communications Cellular Offering*

	Handset 1	Handset 2	Handset 3	Handset 4	Handset 5	Handset 6
Handset Name	W385	BlackBerry 8330	BlackBerry 8830	VX5600	Intensity II	Convoy 2
Handset Maker	Motorola	Research in Motion	Research in Motion	LG	Samsung	Samsung
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FCC ID	IHDT56HC1	L6ARBU20CW	L6ARBK40CG	BEJVX5600	A3LSCHU460	A3LSCHU660
Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands	850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA	850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA	850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA 900 MHz GSM 1800 MHz GSM	850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA	850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA	800 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA
Wi-Fi Interference: Is this handset capable of Wi-Fi voice operations?	No	No	No	No	No	No
Ratings M-Rating	M4	M4	M4	M4	M4	M4
Ratings T-Rating	T4	T4	T4	T4		T4
Functionality Level	Average	Advanced	Advanced	Average	Average	Average
Remarks:						

Functionality Level Descriptions:

Advanced - (MSRP - at least \$300) Phones classified as "advanced" generally offer enhanced features such as a higher-quality camera, multiple Bluetooth® profiles, Internet access, high-speed processing, a touch-screen interface, email or a Windows Mobile® operating system.

Average - (MSRP - \$150 - \$299.99) Phones classified as "average" generally offer lower-quality cameras (compared to advanced models), hands free and headset Bluetooth® profiles, expandable memory, larger phone book capacity, an enhanced color display or increased talk time (over basic models). However, these phones offer fewer features than advanced models.

Basic - (MSRP - \$149.99 or less) Phones classified as "basic" offer the necessary wireless features and may have a lower-quality camera and limited Bluetooth® or Internet capabilities. Typically, these phones offer smaller phone book capacity and average talk time. Most of these phones are generally larger in size compared to more advanced models and lack features such as MP3 players, expandable memory and download capabilities.

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Hearing Aide Compatible Products*

How it works:

Hearing aids typically work by using a microphone to pick up sound waves in the air and convert the sound waves to electronic signals. These signals are amplified as needed and converted to an audible sound for the user to hear. A hearing aid's microphone does not always work well with telephone handsets or headsets. The acoustics between the units, at times, may be poor quality or the sound may be distorted. Often, the surrounding sounds are also picked up and amplified, making hearing the desired sounds more difficult.

First Communications offers a Hearing Aide Compatible Handsets for our wireless services. These meet the FCC Microphone (M-rating) and Telecoil (T-rating) standards.

What is M-rating?

Microphone standards, adopted by the Federal Communications Commission, were set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for hearing aid compatible standards. Handsets that meet or exceed the ANSI standards are rated at M3 or M4, respectively.

The higher the M-rating the handset has, the lower the Radio Frequency emissions level, and the higher signal quality of the handset. Knowing the handset M rating along with the M rating of the hearing aids will help our customer determine the best available solution for them. The hearing aid must be in the microphone mode in order to replicate the mode that was used with the handset when the rating was determined.

The M-rating and a brief description of what the M-rating means will be on the outside of the box and included with the information within the box.

All First Communications handsets rate M3 or greater!

What is T-rating?

ANSI also set the Telecoil standards which were adopted by the FCC. Handsets that meet or exceed the ANSI standards are rated at T3 or T4, respectively.

A telecoil is a small device that is built into some hearing aids for use with a telephone or other devices to assist listening. Not all hearing aids have a telecoil. To use a telecoil, the hearing aid must be switched to "T" or the button pushed to the telecoil setting.

The telecoil picks up magnetic fields generate by telephones and converts these fields into sound. They permit the volume control of a hearing aid to be turned up without creating feedback (whistling), in addition to reducing background noise especially when using a cell phone in a noisy area.

The T-rating will be noted on the box along with the M-rating, example M3/T3 and included with the information within the box.

How can I tell which handset will be best for me?

First check with you hearing aid provider about your specific hearing aid:

- Does it have an M-rating? How does it deal with interference? Does it have "cell phone shielding"?
- Use the M-rating and T-rating information provided by First Communications to determine the best handset for you.

Lack of a rating does not mean the handset will not work with your hearing aid. Remember that everyone's hearing loss is different and may change from time to time. What works for someone else may not work for you. Only you can make the best decision for your hearing compatible needs.

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