

Hearing Aid Compatibility with BlackBerry Smartphones

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About hearing aid compatibility

Several BlackBerry devices have received certification from the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) stating that the devices meet the hearing aid compatibility requirements.

BlackBerry devices rated M3 or M4 meet FCC requirements and are likely to generate less interference with hearing devices than wireless devices that are not rated. M4 is the higher of the two ratings.

BlackBerry devices rated T3 or T4 meet FCC requirements and are likely to be more compatible with a hearing device's telecoil (T-coil, T Switch, or Telephone Switch) than wireless devices that are not rated. T4 is the higher of the two ratings. Not all hearing devices have telecoils in them.

Results might vary depending on the hearing device and the degree of hearing loss. If your hearing device is vulnerable to interference, you might not be able to use a rated wireless device successfully. The best way to evaluate the compatibility of your hearing device and a rated wireless device is to test the devices together and consult with your hearing health professional.

For more information about hearing aid compatibility, see the *Description of Hearing Aid Compliance Ratings* booklet at www.blackberry.com/accessibility.

Hearing aid compatibility ratings

The following table lists BlackBerry devices rated for hearing aid compatibility and their respective M and T ratings.

Device	Wi-Fi enabled	M rating	T rating
BlackBerry Bold 9650 smartphone	Yes	M3	—
BlackBerry Bold 9700 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Bold 9780 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Bold 9900 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Bold 9930 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Curve 8350i smartphone	Yes	M3	—
BlackBerry Curve 8530 smartphone	Yes	M4	T4
BlackBerry Curve 8900 smartphone	Yes	M3	—
BlackBerry Curve 9300 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Curve 9310 smartphone	Yes	M4	T4
BlackBerry Curve 9330 smartphone	Yes	M4	T4
BlackBerry Curve 9350 smartphone	Yes	M4	T4
BlackBerry Curve 9360 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Curve 9370 smartphone	Yes	M3	—
BlackBerry Curve 9380 smartphone	Yes	M3	—
BlackBerry Pearl 9100 smartphone	Yes	M3	—
BlackBerry Storm 9530 smartphone	No	M3	—
BlackBerry Storm2 9550 smartphone	Yes	M3	—
BlackBerry Style 9670 smartphone	Yes	M4	T4
BlackBerry Torch 9800 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Torch 9810 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Torch 9850 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Torch 9860 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
Porsche Design P'9981 smartphone from BlackBerry	Yes	M4	T3

Note: M and T compatibility ratings apply only to cellular bands. The BlackBerry Torch 9800 smartphone is rated for use with hearing aids when it is used in the slider open position.

The following table lists previous BlackBerry devices rated for hearing aid compatibility and their respective M and T ratings. Although these BlackBerry devices are no longer in production, they might still be available from some resellers.

Device	Wi-Fi enabled	M rating	T rating
BlackBerry 7130e smartphone	No	M3	T3
BlackBerry 7230 smartphone	No	M3	—
BlackBerry 7250 smartphone	No	M4	T4
BlackBerry 8703e smartphone	No	M4	T4
BlackBerry 8705g smartphone	No	M3	T3
BlackBerry 8830 World Edition smartphone	No	M4	T4
BlackBerry Curve 8310 smartphone	No	M3	T3
BlackBerry Curve 8320 smartphone	Yes	M3	T3
BlackBerry Curve 8330 smartphone	No	M4	T4
BlackBerry Pearl 8130 smartphone	No	M3	T3
BlackBerry Pearl 8220 smartphone	Yes	M3	T4
BlackBerry Pearl 8230 smartphone	No	M4	T4
BlackBerry Tour 9630 smartphone	No	M3	—

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