

Bernafon BTEs IP57 Rated

Bern (January 28, 2013) – Robust design and durability is an important indicator of quality. Bernafon BTE hearing instruments have been awarded an IP57 certification – an industry rating that demonstrates the degree of protection against the ingress of dust and water.

Hearing instrument users have always had to be careful about exposing their hearing instruments to dust and water. An industry rating system – the IP Code or Ingress Protection Rating, also known as the International Protection Rating – can help users understand the degree of protection their instrument has against the admission of dust and water. The IP Code is an international standard (IEC 60529) developed and published by the International Electrotechnical Commission in Geneva in 2001.

Bernafon’s goal was to achieve an IP57 protection rating – a solid particle protection rating of IP5x: “Dust-protected”, plus a liquid ingress protection rating of IPx7: “Protection against the effects of temporary immersion in water”.

In tests conducted by a reputable, independent testing center, a number of Bernafon BTE instruments passed the IP57 tests based on the IEC 60529 standard. This means that dust shall not penetrate in a quantity to interfere with the satisfactory operation of the hearing instrument or to impair safety. It also means that the entrance of water is not totally prevented, but that the hearing instrument is protected against the effects of temporary immersion in water to an extent that the instrument will – under normal circumstances – work again.

We believe that this IP57 rating on a good selection of our latest BTE hearing instruments meets a new expectation in the industry and reflects the impressive reliability and durability of Bernafon hearing instruments.



Caption: Bernafon Chronos Nano BTE with Spira Flex

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- Topics in Amplification: Bernafon BTE Instruments IP57 Rated

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Since 1946, we have been passionate about developing quality hearing systems that enable people with hearing difficulties to enjoy authentic listening experiences. With Swiss Engineering, precision technology, and our commitment to individual service, we strive to exceed our customers' expectations. Our aim is to provide extra value to our partners every day. Bernafon representatives and employees in over 70 countries fulfill our vision to help people with impaired hearing communicate again without limitations.