

A good ear for business

ProtectHear® provides comfortable, dependable hearing protection for the rail industry and offers its 'Try Before You Buy' trial for new business

ProtectHear® supplies British-made custom-moulded hearing protection and integrated radio communication solutions to the rail industry.

A British company established in 2000, ProtectHear® is proud to be the only approved supplier of personally-moulded hearing protection to Network Rail and it also works with subcontractors such as Skanska Cementation, with its entire team using the product.

Why switch to ProtectHear®?

- more cost-effective than disposables (try the instant cost saving calculator on ProtectHear®'s website)

- won't overprotect – meaning that warning signals, oncoming train noise and speech can still be heard
- won't be impeded by other PPE (personal protective equipment) being worn
- comfortable, personally fitted and hygienic product
- five-year warranty
- 'Try Before You Buy' service
- Network Rail approved (official part number N400/PHYKVC).

ProtectHear® is one of the largest providers of personally-moulded ear plugs in the UK and Ireland and prides itself on a reputation of excellent service.

'I prefer ProtectHear® to disposable ear plugs as they are very easy to fit and comfortable to use, with the added bonus that they're more cost-effective when compared to disposables,' said Shaun Penn, inventory controller and buyer at EDF Energy. 'When you start to do the maths, in comparison to using four or five pairs of disposable earplugs a day the saving over the life span of the ProtectHear®, which are purchased with a one-off payment, becomes significant.'

'The team at ProtectHear® go out of their way to help us, especially when it comes to scheduling visits and fittings. They're large enough to cope with big organisations like ours, yet still offer a



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“We tried a variety of hearing protection before we contacted At Source QX. Their ProtectHear® range is individually moulded to the user and offer outstanding comfort and protection. We carried out a trial and we haven’t looked back. The company’s professionalism and expertise is commendable; they applied no pressure to purchase and offered simple, good advice.”

George Connelly, health, safety and environmental officer for Eco Plastics Recycling

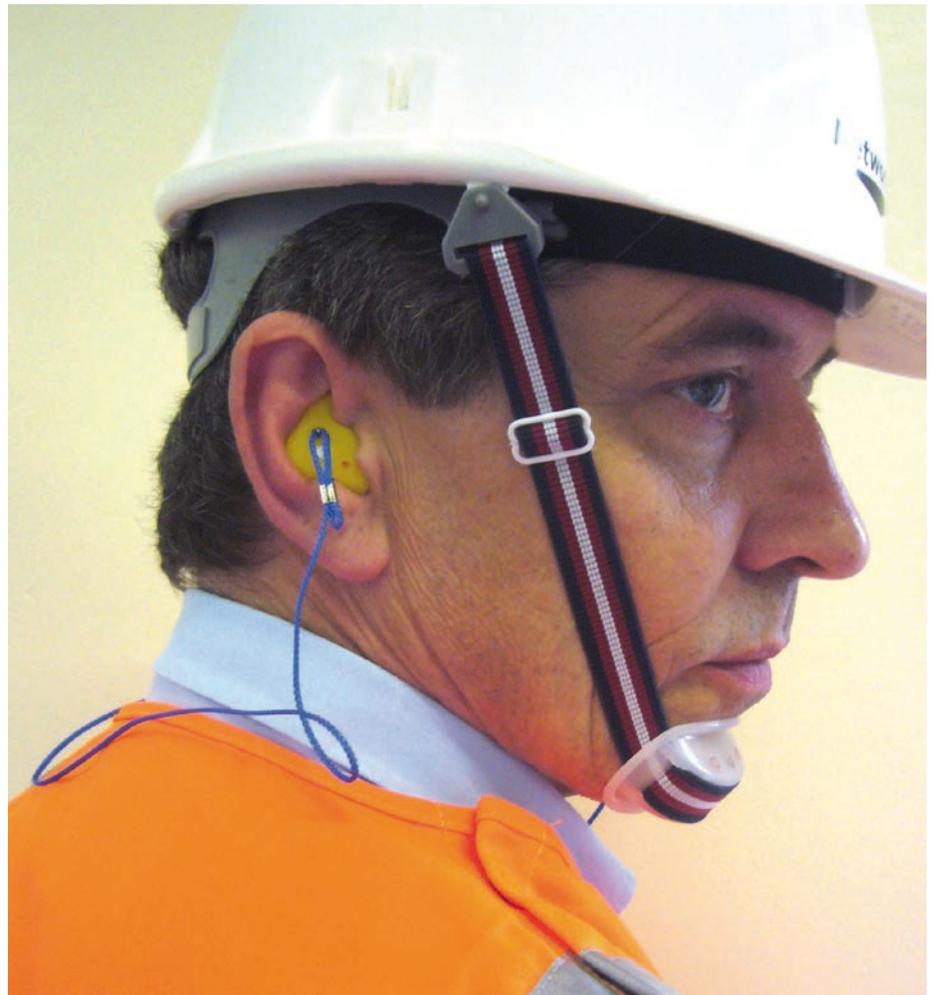
friendly and personal service. They will always schedule visits strategically so we’re able to mould and fit the product with a minimum of fuss and disruption.’

The rise of noise-induced hearing loss

Noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL) is an often-discussed topic in industry. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) recently revealed that more than one million UK workers are at risk of irreversible hearing damage due to being exposed to noise above the legal action limits. The executive also said that there were 48 cases per 100,000 people employed in the last 12 months that are said to be suffering from NIHL.

It’s ProtectHear®’s duty to protect employers from NIHL claims, which according to an article in the *Insurance Times* have risen five-fold over the last four years. All this needs to be combined with a very important aspect: education, which has to be supported from the top down. Hearing is precious and it’s important that it’s protected.

ProtectHear® is on a mission to ensure that its clients and employees know how to protect their hearing and why they’re using the product. The HSE



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echoes this in its guidelines (Control of Noise Regulations at Work Regulations 2005), which employers are at liberty to consider.

SpeakHear® communication systems

Perfect for those who need to connect to communication systems, SpeakHear® comprises of a wide range of communication accessories that can be hardwired from a radio to personally-moulded earplugs.

The SpeakHear® system can be connected to the most popular radios, such as Motorola, Kenwood, Icom, Maxon, Simoco, Hytera and Yaesu. ProtectHear® is an expert in specifying the correct radio to suit each customer’s application and environment, and can offer impartial advice when it comes to

suitability and budget.

No risk, big rewards

ProtectHear® offers businesses a ‘Try Before You Buy’ trial’ for up to eight weeks, allowing them to assess the systems’ suitability for their working environment. ProtectHear® is confident that they will meet requirements, but in the unlikely event that they don’t, they can be sent back with their original packaging at no cost.

*trials are for new business only, are subject to terms and conditions and are at ProtectHear®’s discretion. (This is a bit much, we’re not regulated by the FCA!)
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