

**COMPARISON CHART FOR
THREE BASIC TYPES OF WIDE AREA ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEMS**



THESE SYSTEMS PROVIDE “COMMUNICATION ACCESS” IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

	AUDIO INDUCTION (LOOP)	FM SYSTEM	INFRARED SYSTEM	GENERAL INFORMATION
HOW IT WORKS	Speech is delivered via thin-walled wire placed around perimeter of listening area. Hearing aid telecoils are the receivers. Can often be integrated into existing P.A. system.	Speech is delivered via FM radio signal to the volume controlled, battery powered system receivers.	Speech is delivered via invisible infrared light flooding the listening area. Volume controlled, battery powered system receivers pick up the signal.	<p>Generally—system maintenance is low. Need to be vigilant with batteries and receivers. Rechargeables are very helpful. Storage/carrycases are helpful.</p> <p>More and more are leaning towards LOOP System because of their low cost, little maintenance, and most important, audiologists and National HLAA have started a “Loop America” strategy.</p> <p align="center">•••••</p> <p>Hearing loss is unique in that none are the same and similar audiograms does not guarantee an equal solution. Earbud(s); Headphones; Neckloops; Surround Ear Phones, Stethoscope are ways the hard of hearing individual can use a receiver. If possible, let them choose from a selection</p> <p align="center">•••••</p> <p>Home versions are available. Please ask.</p> <p align="center">•••••</p> <p>satisfaction guaranteed!!</p>
ADVANTAGES	No receiver needed if hearing aid has a telephone switch (T-Switch). Can be integrated into existing P.A. . More and more people are now understanding why loops are commonplace in Europe and the importance of this highly desirable system..	Can sit anywhere—Do not have to see the speaker. Portable. Simultaneous multilingual capability. May be integrated into existing sound system.	Transmitters can be used simultaneously in adjoining rooms. Can often be integrated into existing P.A. System. Broadcast cannot be picked up outside the room.	
DISADVANTAGES	Laying wire is labor intensive. Possible interference and dead spots if not professionally installed. Spillover could prevent adding loops in adjoining rooms. Lack of telecoil in hearing aids requires purchase of a few back-up loop receivers.	Interference from other sources is possible. Possibility of outside listeners.	Can't be used in bright, direct, sunlight. New “Efficiency” ballast may cause interference. (If that is the case a different channel can be used). Signal is blocked by solid objects.	
TYPICAL USE	Classroom, Meeting Area, Theater, Church and Temple, Conference Room, Public Transportation Vehicles.	Tour Groups, Walk-thrus, Outdoor Events, Classroom, Meeting Area, Houses of Religion.	Confidentiality, Live Theater, Church and Temple, auditorium, TV. Great where in-house radio transmission may cause problems.	
COST	\$850-\$1,600.00 and more	\$900 - \$1,300 and more.	\$1,800 - \$3,000 and more.	

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 TYPICAL MANUFACTURERS LARGE AREA PACKAGE
 SYSTEMS TO BETTER SUIT YOUR NEEDS.**