



# HEARING AID **HB-54** SERIES

## ADDITIONAL USER INFORMATION



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- The RION Model HB-54 is a completely waterproof hearing aid designed to eliminate moisture-related repairs that are often experienced with conventional hearing aids.
- The HB-54 is recommended for use in areas of high humidity and for individuals who perspire heavily during work or sporting activities. The HB-54 is also an excellent choice for active hearing impaired children.
- The key to RION's unique waterproof design is a patented waterproof screen that has been installed over the microphone sound port and battery compartment. The screens have microscopic holes that allow sound and air to pass through, but prohibit water from entering the hearing aid.
- To keep your HB-54 in peak operating condition, it is important to follow the instructions below for cleaning and using your HB-54:

### CLEANING

- At the end of sporting activities such as swimming, long distance running, boating, etc., the RION HB-54 must be cleaned. The waterproof screen mentioned above can become clogged with the salts and minerals from perspiration and pool or salt water.
- To clean, remove the hearing aid and while holding it in your fingers, submerge it into a cup of fresh water and agitate it gently for approximately 15 seconds.
- Remove it from the clean water and thoroughly dry the aid with a clean tissue. Open the battery compartment and use a clean tissue to remove any moisture. At the end of the day, place it in a dry-aid kit.
- Cigarette smoke and dusty environments can shorten the

life of the waterproof screen covering the battery compartment. If the hearing aid goes dead within a short time after replacing the battery, try cleaning the aid as mentioned above. If this condition continues after cleaning, see your hearing health professional for a new battery compartment.

### **WARNING!**

- DO NOT open the battery compartment and trimmer cover while you submerge your HB-54 into the water.
- DO NOT brush or pick at the waterproof screen. Agitate in fresh water and dry with a tissue only.

### SWIMMING

- Although your HB-54 was not designed for swimming, the waterproof quality of the HB-54 makes it suitable for moderate swimming on the water surface. It is not recommended for diving, roughhousing, or under water swimming.
- Submerging the hearing aid in water during bathing or swimming will result in oscillations (whistling or buzzing sounds) at high volume control settings. Always turn the aid down to the minimum settings when bathing or swimming. After bathing or swimming, the waterproof screen can be covered by a thin film of water causing the sound to be distorted. Several sharp taps with your finger to the side of the hearing aid will clear the waterproof screen and return the sound to normal.

### SHAMPOOING/HAIR SPRAY

- Shampoo and hair spray will clog the waterproof screen. DO NOT shampoo your hair or use hair spray while using your HB-54.

### HIGH TEMPERATURES

- DO NOT use and put your HB-54 in temperatures over 122° F (50°C) such as in Sauna or in a car.
- Proper use and maintenance of your model HB-54 will prolong the lifetime of your hearing aid.