

# Help for My Hearing Loss With Budget: Less Than \$1K

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# Assumed Budget

Let's work with budget no more than \$1,000

<https://www.forbes.com> › Best › Hearing-Aids

- Forbes Health - Best & Worst Picks Of 2026
- Forbes™ Top Recommended Hearing Aids Of 2026
- Easily Compare Pricing, Ratings & Features
- Hearing Aids Recommended By Audiologists
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# Choices

- #1 Jabra GN George, Tony Budget about \$1.2K >> \$2K
- #2 Audien Hearing { *won't Buy – their Trial Refund not always a Full Refund* }
- #3 Soundbright
- #4 Hear.com
- #5 ELEHEAR \*\*\* Beyond, Beyond PRO, Delight
- #6 MDHearing
- #7 ORICLE
- #8 Audicus
- #9 Eargo
- #10 nebroo
- #11 Ceretone
- #12 LiN(N reversed) ER  
then
- #13 Oticon
- #14 Phonak

my Personal Experience of AliExpress.com aka Ebay.com on Overseas Website (in English)

.and. LASTLY Veterans Admin

## **Addendum – HA(s) Dr Cliff's (free) Buyer's Guide, VA Audiology, Best of 2026**

- <https://hearingup.com/hearing-aid-buyers-guide>
- <https://hearingup.com/videos/what-the-hell-going-on-va-audiology>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxHccGNuh0k>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93o54hMiuno>

# Vendors

Advertised for the World Market and US Market is just another target Market

In US, Hearing Aids at Walmart, Amazon, Ebay, and Medical Offices

Many Websites also sell HAs online, and you need to scan to the very bottom where they have Disclaimers of a MarketPlace AND COULD BE ANYWHERE

I have had personal purchases with ELEHEAR, Audien Hearing, Oticon (Littleton MA Support),

AliExpress.com just a few Websites (website info how long they have been in biz)

(I have not shopped at Costco for HA(s) – I just have no reason to buy at Costco)

I have bought on AliExpress.com - not Ebay (buy one hop from some Far East Manuf)

HAs - Hearing Aids mostly manufactured in FAR Eastern Countries

Aliexpress is Business-to-Consumer vs Alibaba Business-to-Business Marketplace

# My Experience

I am biased toward AliExpress.com and

ELEHEAR (US Sales, Marketing, Manuf Far East, OverSeas Support, US Audiologist,)

I have Tested and bought from Audien Hearing

{ won't Buy - their Trial Refund not always a Full Refund)

I have an Oticon RUBY ( one of the last Re-placeable Charging Battery) ,

ELEHEAR Beyond, Delight – NOT SURE Future Purchase

and several AliExpress.com Basic HA - not the iPhone accessory (Appliance)

in the Less than \$100 for a Dual Pair HA

\*\* The World Markets do NOT afford iPhones as US Market,

and the HA with Appliance Software is not for foreign markets

I search for a matching HA that can improve my Hearing at an affordable Price

So, I can/do dabble with AliExpress.com HA(s) for \$50 to \$100

# Steps When Entering the Marketplace

Start - get a Hearing Test by Professional Audiologist  
and have a Flexible BUDGET \$ 500 to \$250 (flexible)

I get a Hearing Test by Professional Audiologist

My HA needs – HA Cone pop out, Very Soft Spoken Speech next to me

I trust my own results, **too many websites that 'paper' eval <whatever get Paid to Promote>**

# Dealing with an Urgent Situation

User Manual – Hear Dome, other

## **Emergency Situation** – Know your Hearing Chart

I experienced a sudden, total hearing loss in one or both ears at bedtime

What's going on?

Maybe I'll fix the issue in the morning.

In the morning, it's still there and it's like a hidden mute button!

What can I do?

First I put a piece of paper next to my ear, and scratched it with a finger nail.

→ If I can't hear anything even faint then it's a Medical issue

→ If I can hear a very low level sound, then use the OTC cleaning kit

To use the over-the-counter cleaning kit, the Ear Wax Removal Drops:

Remove cap, insert in ear, squeeze container one or two times.

Hear anything?

Next, fill syringe with warm water, put towel over shoulder, squeeze water into ear, then syringe out the water (several times)

OK? If so, problem solved. Else emergency room!

# Support & Accessories

**Accessories** – usually HA Vendor website

- \* Ear Domes, Wax Guards an Essentials Kit
- \* Receiver Replacement Kit – about \$65 to \$70

**TOOLS** – remove any item stuck in Ear Canal

- \* DRY Box – at Ebay (depends .. Need more info)

**OTC Cleaning Kit** (used for Emergency) – Walmart, CVS, OTC

- \* Ear WAX Removal Drops (individual, or Kits Carbamide Peroxide 6.5%)
- \* Clinere Ear Wax Removal Kit; Ear wax, Ear Cleaners, Syringe (med size)