

The RA4000 digital headset for best-in-class hearing protection and sound quality in harsh high-noise environments

Racal Acoustics has engineered its RA4000 digital headset to address current operator requirements with state-of-the-art solutions in electronics, materials, and ergonomics in a product category that has typically relied on older technologies.

The RA4000 headset offers unprecedented performance in hearing protection, sound quality, reliability, and versatility, for outstanding overall value. As a complete solution, it offers modular, customisable, and upgradeable features and accessories to match specific mission requirements and extend useful life.

Features and Benefits

High-noise attenuation

The exceptional passive and active noise reduction features protect the hearing of users exposed to high levels of continuous noise.

• Autonomous, battery-powered ANR

Advanced digital active noise reduction (ANR) technology improves attenuation performance at low frequencies, providing better protection. Users enjoy this protection even when untethered from a communication system.

Local sound awareness and talk-through

The electronic compression circuitry presents local environment sounds to the wearer at safe levels, so they are more aware of hazards and risks and can have face-to-face conversations without defeating the hearing protection. The output is electronically compressed so its level does not exceed a 85 dB(A) safety level. This capability remains effective during untethered use.

Adjustable neckband

A fully adjustable neckband ensures consistent attenuation and comfort for extended durations.

Noise-cancelling boom microphone

The removable noise-cancelling boom microphone makes clear radio communication possible in high-noise environments, and a respirator microphone can be attached.



Removable cables

The interface cable can be detached from the headset earshell, allowing full hearing protection while untethered. Alternative cables can be attached to connect with other audio equipment.

Press-to-talk switch

For convenience, the press-to-talk switch is ergonomically positioned on the headset.

Mechanical robustness

The RA4000 headset's robust mechanical design and construction survive rough handling in harsh environments.

IP68 waterproofing

Continuous outdoor use and exposure to wind and rain, snow, and ice are not a problem. The headset also withstands immersion in water.

Headset wearing options

You can wear the RA4000 headset with a neckband or headband, or in a soft helmet liner for bump protection. The liner supports easy attachment of protective shells.

Specifications

Weight on Head	650 g
Napeband force (adjustable)	12.2/14.5 N
Communications Modes	Binaural, monaural, programmable
Frequency Response	100 Hz to 10 kHz
Input Impedance	500 Ω
Input Range	Programmable 0-5 V
Comms Sensitivity	Programmable up to 114 dB SPL
Removable Boom Microphone	150 Ω dynamic noise canceling, anti-magnetic, immersible
Microphone Sensitivity	Sensitivity -90 dB
Microphone Output Range	Programmable 0-1.5 V
Active Noise Reduction (ANR)	Advanced digital ANR, battery or external powered
Binaural Talk-Through	Digital compression to 85 dBA, battery or external powered
PTT Switch	3 positions, located on left earshell
Talk-Through Volume Control	Off/on, adjustable -6/0/+6/+12 dB
Comms Volume Control	Adjustable -6/0/+6/+12 dB
External Power	4.5 to 36 VDC, 1 W (3.5 W peak)
Internal Power	1 x AA 1.5 V cell, operation when untethered
Interface Cable	Detachable, configured and terminated to suit equipment requirements
Compatibility	Radios, intercoms, smart phones

Environmental Tests EN60068, MIL-STD-810G

Certified to shock, bump, impact, vibration, dust, sand, humidity, mist, salt fog, driving rain, immersion, solar, altitude, fungal and fluid contamination.

Operating Temperature	- 40°C to + 65°C				
Storage Temperature	- 57°C to + 71°C				
Immersion	IP68, 1.1 metre for 2 hours				
Electromagnetic Conformity	EN61000, MIL-STD-461F 50 V/m, EN55022, EN55024, ESD				
Safety	EN60950-1				
Noise Attenuation	EN352, ANSI S3.19, ANSI S12.42				
MTBF	42,710 hours				
Approvals/Directives	CE, LVD, ROHS, WEEE, PPE				

Attenuation - RA4000 Headset with Headband

Frequency (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Mean Attenuation (dB)	21.0	26.2	32.4	32.2	36.2	38.0	39.5	37.5
Standard Deviation (dB)	3.6	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.9	2.8	6.1	4.7

SNR = 34, H = 34, M = 31, L = 28, NRR = 29

Attenuation - RA4000 Headset with Softliner with Neckband

Frequency (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Mean Attenuation (dB)	23.4	28.0	33.4	33.6	34.2	38.2	40.3	40.1
Standard Deviation (dB)	3.3	2.6	2.5	3.6	4.6	2.7	4.5	2.3
SNR = 34, H = 34, M = 31, L = 30, NRR = 29								

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