

Talk a lot on the phone? Use a headset!

The TCO certification makes it easy to choose headset with both high performance and minimal impact on the environment



A TCO LABELLED HEADSET - BENEFITS FOR BOTH YOU AND THE PLANET

Headsets use in on the increase, which is a good thing, as it contributes to a better working environment for many people. Headsets allow greater freedom of movement, which in turns

helps reduce repetitive strain injury, while cordless models mean that the wearers do not have to be desk-bound.

Nevertheless, many people are less than satisfied with the quality of their headset. Common problems are defective sound quality, poor durability and sudden sound

peaks, which can result in hearing impairment.

This situation has prompted TCO Development to produce the TCO'07 Headsets criteria.

You can now choose a headset, which adheres to high performance and offers protection against sudden

sound peaks and with minimal impact on the natural environment.

TIPS

Your headset must have volume control. It must be easy to use, with clear indication of how to increase and decrease the volume.

It is important that your headset rests comfortable on your head. You must be able to smoothly set it to your head size by adjusting the headband.

For monaural headsets it must be possible to alternate between left and right ear.

For reasons of hygiene, make sure the headsets has replaceable parts.

More tip at www.tcodevelopment.com



A TCO certified headset meets requirements on ergonomics, ecology and energy. Cordless headsets also meet the requirements on emissions (radiation)

ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES	EXAMPLE
Ecology /Environment	The company manufacturing the product must have an environmental management system, i.e. be certified under ISO 14001 or EMAS Minimisation of environmentally hazardous substances The product must be recyclable
Energy	The product must comply with EU Directive 2005/32/EC on the eco-design of energy-using products (EuP) which comes into force on 1 July 2007

USABILITY FEATURES	EXAMPLE
Ergonomics	Acoustic shock and limit protection must be built into the headset Volume control Easily adjustable headband and the facility to switch sides on the case of monaural headset Replaceable parts to ensure good hygiene Spare parts The cable and connector must have good durability
Emissions (cordless headsets only)	Low radiation, the SAR value for Bluetooth headset must be less than 0.04 W/kg Low electrical and magnetic fields from the charging station to the cordless headset

A TRUSTED PROGRAM - MAKING PURCHASING CHOICES EASY

The TCO certification is a third party verified program, where an accredited, independent test laboratory tests every product model. You will find the TCO label on brand names you know and trust. We also back up our quality assurance process with regular after-market checks and test rounds. Purchasers and users look to the TCO certification program as a credible tool when specifying products to meet environmental and performance needs.

CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT

TCO Development works with many international committees and specialty networks to ensure worldwide applicability for the TCO certification program. The criteria are based on scientific user studies and developed with focus on the wellbeing of the user and the environment.

AN INTERNATIONAL LABEL

The TCO label is international – the same criteria apply throughout the world, making it a convenient tool for global products.

ABOUT TCO DEVELOPMENT

TCO Development's mission is to make it easy to choose technology designed for both usability and the environment. Since 1992 the TCO certification program has had a significant influence on improved image quality and ergonomics for displays, as well as the reduction of electromagnetic emissions, energy consumption and usage of hazardous substances in ICT products.

The TCO certification program includes criteria for notebook and desktop PCs, projectors, displays and phone headsets.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.tcodevelopment.com

