

Product Review: Fit-Ear Hearing Protection



It's doubtful that anyone can dispute the importance of ear protection.... As we get older we reflect on how much damage our ears have incurred through high-decibel abuse such as loud music, shooting, and the wind from riding. Through conversations, we've come to realize we are not alone in that assessment. Plus, certain occupations carry high-decibel risk. What this all comes around to is, you ought to do what you can to protect what you've got.... or what's left.

Overtime, the big yellow Fit-Ear booth has been seen at many events; in AZ and around the country. This company is based in California, but travels far and wide.

I acquired custom earplugs some years back from another company, and as can happen ... I eventually lost one. So when I came across the Fit-Ear booth at Cycle-Fest, I figured it was time to get them replaced. The people there were very informative. The technician, Mark, was quite helpful; explaining their process, and answering all questions. Their customer service and attention to detail were excellent. When all was said & done, the fit of my new ear plugs was right the first time, no adjustment needed.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the process ~ in a nutshell, they make a mold of your ear canal. First a block or 'stop' is placed gently into your ear, with a string attached. Then a putty-like material is injected into your ear. That stays put for a few minutes while it sets up.

Once the molds are set, they are pulled out ~ a perfect impression of your ear canal; with no residue left behind. These plugs



are not intended to block out all sound... They provide limited noise protection from loud environments, while still allowing you to communicate.

Motorcyclists, musicians, hunters, law enforcement, nightclub enthusiasts ~ you need ear protection, but you also need to hear what's going on around you. Fit-Ear not only offers basic, solid, custom molded earplugs but also has a line of ear pieces that incorporate high-tech electronics protection, depending upon your needs.

I'm pretty much a lo-tech 'stick to

the basics' kinda gal, so my ear plugs were molded, cured, finished, and ready to go pretty quickly. If you are going for electronic gizmos ☺ to be built into them, it'll take more time for them to be ready. Fit-Ear has some stereo ear pieces that they make onsite that are ready to go in about an hour. Just ask about the timeline for what you are ordering. For some applications these molds are used in a lab to make high-end electronic ear pieces. Fit-Ear offers a wide range of options.

Riders, shooters, musicians, pilots, clubbers, machinists... there are a lot of people out there who can make good use of the quality product that Fit-Ear creates. Whether you are in the market for basic hearing protection, custom ear pieces to get the most out of your personal sound system, or have individualized needs to address in regard to your hearing protection, contact Fit-Ear at www.fit-ear.com, 530-575-7678, or mark@fit-ear.com.

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