

How often should a custom hearing protector be replaced?

- a. Annually
- b. Every 2 years
- c. Every 3 years
- d. No set schedule



Answer:

Time for some myth-busting: the best answer (when it comes to CavCom's custom earplugs) is **d. No set schedule**. The reason for the qualification, of course, is that not all custom hearing protectors are made the same. CavCom's custom earplugs and earsets are laboratory-manufactured to last many years due to the considerable strength and durability of our design and materials. So replacement is not based on a set expiration date, but instead, should be approached on an as-needed basis.

As with any hearing protector, users should routinely check for wear and tear and proper seal of the ear. If an earpiece is broken or no longer adequately seals the ear, a replacement can be made. In most cases, CavCom's digital storage of ear impressions allows custom remakes to be made from data already on file for each user. Occasionally a new ear impression may be needed to address any significant changes resulting from injury/disfigurement of the ear, large weight change, etc. It's a common myth that earcanals change size frequently throughout adulthood; they don't. However, subtle changes in the ear can affect comfort and are more common with individuals 65 years and older - to learn more, check out [Aging and the Earcanal](#) from a previous issue of our *SoundBytes* newsletter.

To learn more about custom hearing protection, see [Custom Hearing Protection Solutions Promote Success](#) from our *SoundBytes* newsletter and product information on our complete line of [EarzON® custom hearing protectors](#). All of CavCom's electronic earsets are also available in custom-fitted options. [Contact us](#) for more information.