



What is earwax buildup?

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While it might seem like a nuisance, earwax serves an important function in protecting your ears. It's a waxy oil called cerumen that's produced inside the ear canal. It helps keep dust, microorganisms, foreign particles, and even water from entering and irritating your ears. The cerumen eventually makes its way out of the ears so it can be washed away.

In some cases, your ears may produce too much wax. That excess wax can harden and cause a blockage that can affect your hearing. Blockages are sometimes caused by using cotton swabs to clean the ear canal because the swabs wind up pushing the wax in deeper. Individuals who use hearing aids or earbuds could have an issue with wax buildup and blockages, too.

Earwax buildup symptoms

If you're experiencing earwax buildup or blockages, you might notice some key symptoms, including the following:

- Full feeling in the ear
- Earache
- Sudden hearing loss
- Partial hearing loss
- Ringing in the ear

Excess earwax can also lead to an ear infection, so it's important to see your doctor if you develop any of the following:

- Intense ear pain
- Constant ear pain
- Fluid coming from the ear
- Odor in the ear
- Persistent hearing loss
- [Fever](#)
- Cough
- Dizziness



Curettes are a helpful cerumen management tool for audiology and medical clinics. These tools come in many different styles and materials. There are so many options that they can be misunderstood. Curettes are shaped like a pen and have a handle and a tip. The tip is often a loop, scoop, or pick. Curettes are made of stainless steel, plastic, or carbon fiber. No curette material is superior to any other and material selection really depends on personal preference and access to hygienic reprocessing equipment. Curettes have many advantages, they are:

- highly effective
- quick to use
- low cost
- easy to clean or dispose of
- portable
- less intimidating than other tools

SS Medical Products offers the most flexible high quality 5 tip color configurations disposable Ear Curettes manufactured with medical grade latex free polypropylene plastic. The tips are sturdy but flexible which provides safety while removing build up from the ear canal. Each curette is approximately 5.75 inches (147mm) long and individually wrapped. SS Medical Products offers a wide range of [ear curette tools](#) at incredibly affordable prices.

Size	SKU
Oval Ear Curette	79001
Child Ear Curette	79002
Round Ear Curette	79003
Spoon Ear Curette	79004
Loop Ear Curette	79005