



Resources for Personal Voice Amplifiers

There are many products on the market for voice amplification, but the following items have been used by people with spasmodic dysphonia and have been found to be effective in projecting the voice. We hope this information is useful.

Spokeman Personal Voice Amplifier

High-quality, small device that helps project volume and keeps you from straining too much. It comes in a little case that can be set on the table or clipped on your belt, etc. One person added Velcro® straps to be worn around the upper arm like an iPod.

Recommended with this unit is the Hi-Gain 3-Way Headband Microphone, which can be worn three ways -- around the back of the head, over the top of the head, or around the back of the neck.

Sources for purchase:

Soundbytes at www.soundbytes.com

Luminaud at www.luminaud.com.

Both places have a 30 day, money back return policy, so if you think it might help, you can at least try it out first.

Voicette by Luminaud

Good sound quality but is a bit bulky. It can be worn over the shoulder like a purse or attached to a belt.

Source for purchase:

Luminaud at www.luminaud.com.

ChatterVox

The Chattervox is somewhat smaller and is worn like a fanny pack. It is available from a variety of sources including Luminaud and Bruce Medical.

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Luminaud at www.luminaud.com.

Soundbytes at www.soundbytes.com

Thoughts on Microphones

You also might want to think about what type of microphone to use. A handheld microphone may be useful for large presentations at work but could become cumbersome to carry around for casual conversation and smaller groups. A headset microphone is very convenient and will turn along with your head but it can be tiresome to wear for a long time. Collar microphones, which just attach to your collar, are convenient, but you have to be careful about speaking into the microphone if you turn your head.

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