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Considerations for Choosing a Personal Voice Amplifier

Uses/Situations

- How will you use the voice amplifier?

Cost

- What is the purchase price for the voice amplifier?
- What is your budget?
- Are there free options? Can you utilize equipment you already have?

Comfort

- Is the voice amplifier comfortable to wear?
- Is it lightweight?
- Can the voice amplifier be worn around the waist (belt, belt clip), on the arm (armband), around the neck (lanyard)? Are any of these included?

Durability

- Is the voice amplifier durable?
- Is the voice amplifier water-resistant?

Sound

- Is the sound produced clear?
- Is the volume adjustable to suit your situations?
- Is the volume suitable for inside and outside use?
- Is the volume loud enough for large gatherings?
- If the voice amplifier is wireless, what is the transmission range?

Feedback

- Are there reported feedback issues? What is the situation?

Battery life

- What is the battery life?
- How long is required to fully charge a battery?
- Is the voice amplifier easy to charge?
- Are there flexible charging options (computer, wall outlet, car)?

Portability

- Is the voice amplifier easy to transport and store?
- Is the voice amplifier/microphone easy to assemble and disassemble?
- Is the voice amplifier small/compact?

Microphone

- What type of microphone can you use with your voice amplifier (headset, lapel, hand-held, standalone)?
- Is the voice amplifier wired or wireless?
- If a headset microphone will be used, does the headset microphone stay together and in good position when worn?
- Is the headset microphone comfortable to wear?
- Does the headset microphone offer different options for how it is to be worn (over the ears, around the neck)?

Additional features

- Does the voice amplifier have any additional features (MP3 player, music player, Bluetooth capability, ability to use batteries instead of recharging, audio storage)?
- Will you use the added features?

Design

- Are the controls on the voice amplifier easy to understand and use?
- Is the display easy to read?
- Is there a display that shows volume level?
- Is there a display that shows battery charge level?

Best Feature/Shortcomings

- What is the best feature of the voice amplifier?
- What are the shortcomings of the voice amplifier?