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Software Upgrade Means Better Fitting and Counseling Tools

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Audioscan is pleased to announce the release of software 2.8 for both the Verifit and the RM500 *SL*. This new software adds a number of industry firsts to the already impressive set of hearing instrument fitting, verification and counseling tools unique to Audioscan.

The Best Hearing Loss Simulator

Audioscan's new **Sensory Loss Simulator™** is the first cochlear hearing loss simulator available in a real-ear/hearing aid analyzer. Other hearing loss simulators only simulate an earplug. Now with the Verifit or *SL* you can effectively and accurately demonstrate the frustrating reality of hearing loss to any interested party. "When we heard the new Sensory Loss Simulator for the first time, the comments we had heard from hearing impaired people over the years suddenly struck home. It really lets you appreciate what hearing impaired individuals have to cope with and it clearly highlights the need for today's digital hearing instruments." states Bill Cole, president of Audioscan.

The First DSL® 5 Verification System

Based on the latest research, DSL 5 now provides multiple level speech targets for both adults and children and accepts ABR and bone conduction thresholds. This new version of DSL in Speechmap® extends the benefits of the best science to the full range of hearing instrument fittings.

The Best Open Fit Verifications

Real-ear measurements are the only accurate method for verifying open fit hearing aids but care is required to avoid potential measurement artifacts associated with the use of feedback suppression to achieve high open-ear gains. Our new open fit protocol takes care of the technical details, making it easy to accurately determine the audibility benefit of open fittings. No special equipment or couplers are required.

In announcing this release, Cole emphasized "We offer these software updates to our Verifit and *SL* customers at no charge to ensure that they always have the best science for the best fit. It is our way of keeping our customers out in front and helping them serve their clients and grow their business."

Software 2.8 on CD is automatically shipped to all owners of Audioscan Verifit and RM500SL. It may also be downloaded from www.audioscan.com.

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