3M[™] Peltor[™] Earmuffs X Series Receives 2013 Red Dot Product Design Award

The 3M[™] Peltor[™] Earmuffs X Series has received the prestigious Red DotProduct Design award recognizing its excellent design and commitment to quality.

"The winners of the *Red Dot*are the protagonists of a highly developed design culture and design industry. These days it is becoming more and more difficult to distinguish between well-designed products and it is often only in the details that the special qualities become apparent," said Prof. Dr. Peter Zec, initiator and CEO, <u>Red</u> <u>Dot International Group</u>. "However, those product creations that pass the test before the critical eyes of the international Red Dot jury will not disappear into the crowd and will be able to fend off global competition."

The Peltor earmuffs X series was selected as a recipient of the *Red Dot*Product Design award from more than 4,660 entries in 19 different categories. The 37-member jury of qualified designers, university professors, and specialist journalists tested, discussed and assessed each individual entry. Recipients of the award are invited to add a "red dot" to their product, an internationally recognized seal of quality, in addition to receiving an invitation to attend the Red Dot Gala to honor their accomplishments and participate in a variety of marketing and promotional activities with the Red Dot International Group.

The Peltor earmuffs X series are the first earmuffs on the market from 3M to provide workers with Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) values up to 31 decibels (dB). Built with innovative foam cushion technology and ear cups that tilt for outstanding comfort and fit, the Peltor earmuffs X series offer a new standard in design, comfort and protection. The series features an attractive lightweight design, durable stainless-steel headband construction, soft, wide ear cups and two headband options: an electrically-insulated twin headband and hardhat attachment bands.

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