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Subject: Convertibles & Hearing Loss

Posted by [audioaudio90](#) on Sun, 12 Jun 2011 16:54:29 GMT

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This article is a few months old but it discusses hearing loss due to riding in convertibles. Apparently driving at 55 mph produces a noise level of roughly 85 dB (although the exact number varies by car model) which can cause hearing damage over time.

<http://www.healthyhearing.com/content/articles/Hearing-loss/Causes/47701-Noise-convertibles-hearing-damage>

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Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 12 Jun 2011 18:04:05 GMT

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Absolutely. Even worse on a motorcycle, although it's hard to resist that feeling of the wind in your hair. But after an hour long ride, you have the same symptoms as being at a loud concert.

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Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Sun, 12 Jun 2011 23:14:35 GMT

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Wayne Parham wrote on Sun, 12 June 2011 14:04  
...after an hour long ride, you have the same symptoms...

Show-off!

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Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 13 Jun 2011 04:04:01 GMT

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LOL! Long ride. OK, I guess that isn't much better where your mind has gone.

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Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss

Posted by [Shane](#) on Mon, 13 Jun 2011 12:29:06 GMT

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An hour long isn't even a ride, is it?

On another note, wearing a helmet isn't much better than going without as far as hearing loss goes. Technically you need to wear earplugs regardless. My hearing suffers almost as bad wearing any of my helmets (1/2 or full-face).

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Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss  
Posted by [DJ Dave](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:28:17 GMT  
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For some reason, I wouldn't think it would be the noise level that would cause a hearing problem, but more something to do with the air going through your ears.

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Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:36:39 GMT  
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It's the turbulence, which is very loud at your ears. Kind of like wind noise across a microphone.

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Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss  
Posted by [cogent](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:02:09 GMT  
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I just live near a freeway and the sound level is constant. In the summertime with the windows open in the condo, it can be very annoying. I try to tell myself it is the ocean, but I don't believe myself!

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