Subject: Convertibles & Hearing Loss Posted by audioaudio90 on Sun, 12 Jun 2011 16:54:29 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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-he aring-damage

Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 12 Jun 2011 18:04:05 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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 rise, you have the same symptoms as being at a loud concert.

Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss Posted by Bill Epstein on Sun, 12 Jun 2011 23:14:35 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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

Show-off!

Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 13 Jun 2011 04:04:01 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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

Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss Posted by Shane on Mon, 13 Jun 2011 12:29:06 GMT 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).

Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss Posted by DJ Dave on Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:28:17 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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.

Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:36:39 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

It's the turbulence, which is very loud at your ears. Kind of like wind noise across a microphone.

Subject: Re: Convertibles & Hearing Loss Posted by cogent on Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:02:09 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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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