Experience Level Parameters

Experience Level	Description	What may be noticed in the fitting software	For patients who want…
Experienced - Non-Linear	Standard gain prescription for selected fitting rule	• Best match for reaching target • Less noise reduction defaults in Noise Tracker II: Per Environment, Wind Guard, and Impulse Noise Reduction	Clear audibility of sound
Experienced - Linear	Focus on power with milder noise reduction settings	• Relative to Experienced – Non-Linear • Less compression, more gain across frequencies • Less noise reduction defaults in Noise Tracker II: Per Environment, Wind Guard, and Impulse Noise Reduction	The same response as their previous linear instruments with more gain across all frequencies and less noise reduction.
First Time User	Focus on comfort for loud inputs and increased noise reduction strategies	• Relative to Experienced Non-Linear • Less gain, more compression across frequencies • Increased Impulse Noise Reduction and Noise Tracker II: Per Environment settings • Follows Prescribed First Fit rules for inexperienced users with changes based on audiogram, Gain Level %, and target rule	Comfort for loud inputs and slightly increased noise reduction strategies
First Time User – Onboarding (New)	Focus on comfort across all input levels and most comfort in noise	• Relative to First Time User • 70% of First Time User's prescribed gain • Increased Noise Tracker II: Per Environment settings • Follows Prescribed First Fit rules for inexperienced users with changes based on audiogram, Gain Level %, and target rule	Less overall loudness and more noise reduction as they adjust to wearing hearing aids
Comfort User (Discontinued – replaced by First Time User - Onboarding)	Focus on comfort for high frequency sounds and increased noise reduction strategies.	• Relative to Experienced – Non-Linear • Less gain and more compression for mid and high frequencies • Increased Impulse Noise Reduction and Noise Tracker II: Per Environment settings • Follows Prescribed First Fit rules for inexperienced users with changes based on audiogram, Gain Level %, and target rule	Comfort for those overly sensitive to high frequency gain

Note: All experience level calculations are influenced by individual audiograms. Therefore, gain and compression settings may vary based on degree and configuration of hearing loss.

Reference: Audiogram+ whitepaper

Reference: Optimizing first fit acceptance with "First Time User – Onboarding" whitepaper