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Matsushita DNA



Universal Design

Producing products which express courtesy, sense, modesty and relaxation. The basic philosophy is to make the consumers pleased.

Announcement of the founder, Konosuke Matsushita (1942)



Matsushita Universal Design Principles



Providing consideration to more people through products and services in an attempt to establish enriched lifestyle in which more people live in comfort.

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6 Basic Points (UD basic regulations)

Consideration to understandable operations Consideration to clear display and explanation 3 Consideration to comfortable posture and action 4 Consideration to movement and space 5 Consideration to safety and security Consideration to user environment

LED Neck-Light







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- (a) Handy light hung around the neck with both hands free
- (b) Simply turn switch to turn it on or off
- (c) About 30-grum lightweight design



- 1 Consideration to understandable operations
- 5 Consideration to safety and security

Zinc-Air Batteries Package

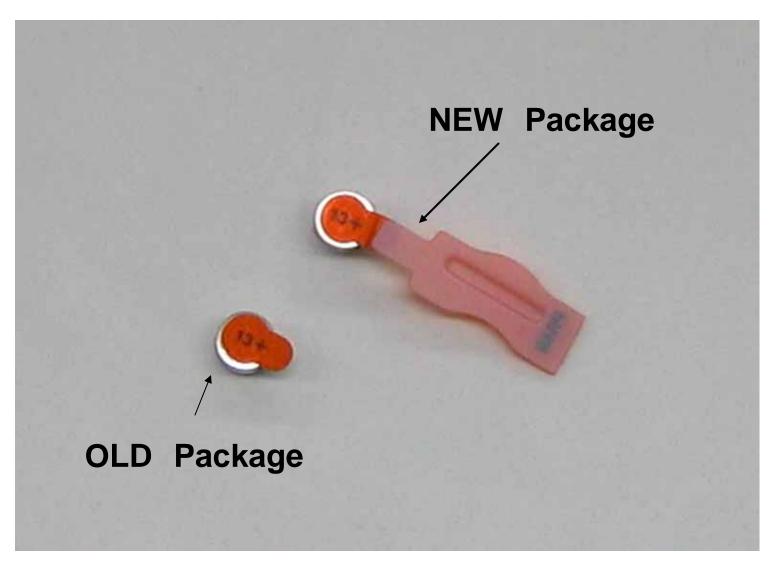




3 Consideration to comfortable posture and action

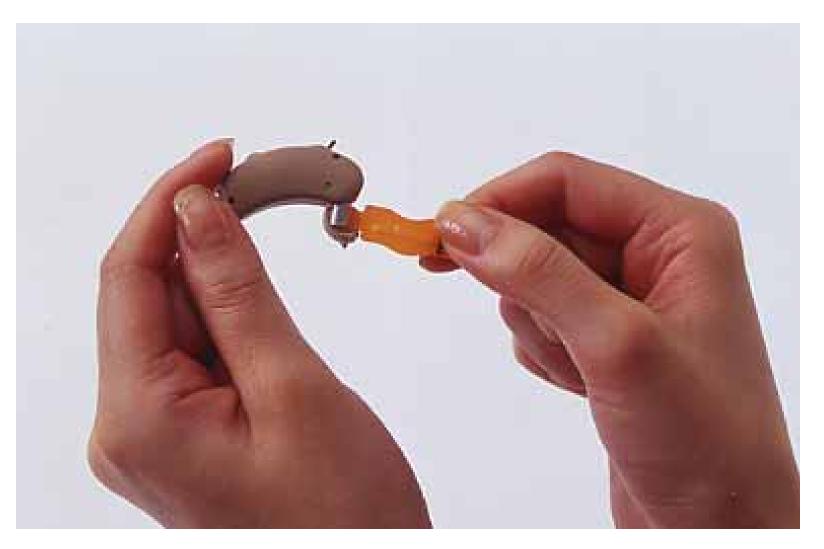
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Staircase Lighting









- 5 Consideration to safety and security
- 6 Consideration to user environment

Tilted-Drum Washing Machine







3 Consideration to comfortable posture and action

Development of a New Cordless Phone





2005 CES Innovations Awards, USA



KX-TG2386

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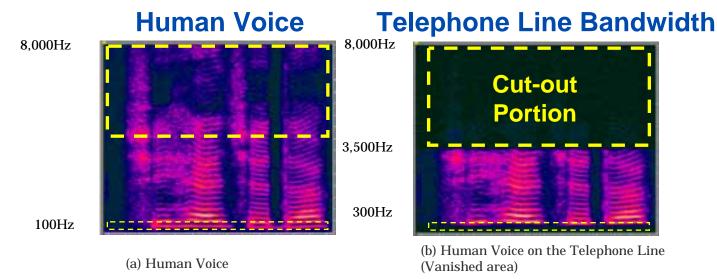






Voice Enhancer





Voice Enhancer Sound



(c) Voice Enhancer Sound (Recovered voice)

Larger fonts and better contrast of printed characters



(a) Normal model

(Normal Vision)

(Cataract Vision)





(b) KX-TG2386





2 Consideration to clear display and explanation

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