

3M™ E-A-Rfit™ Dual-Ear Validation System version 5.10 Software Update 3M™ Cloud for Data Integration Feature

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What version of E-A-Rfit software has the 3M Cloud data storage feature?

A: 3M E-A-Rfit Dual-Ear Validation System software versions 5.10.x and later has the optional 3M Cloud feature that you can enable.

Q: Will I be able to store E-A-Rfit data in my Company Cloud?

A: No, the only Cloud data storage option available for the E-A-Rfit™ data is Microsoft Azure Cloud hosted by 3M.

Q: Will E-A-Rfit software 5.10.X obligate me to store my E-A-Rfit data in the 3M Cloud?

A: No, Cloud data storage will be optional. After you download software version 5.10.X or later, you will be able to continue to store your data as you have been. To add Cloud data storage, you have to click on the “registration” button on the home page to start the process to request Cloud data storage.

Q: How do I register my company to enable the 3M Cloud feature?

A: Click the registration button on the screen after downloading E-A-Rfit™ software 5.10.X. You will be asked to review and accept the End User License Agreement (EULA) terms and conditions for Cloud account access. Once your account is verified, you will receive login credentials.

Q: Are the data protected in the 3M Cloud when I enable the optional Cloud data storage feature?

A: Yes, 3M takes all necessary steps to follow all data privacy law and regulatory requirements in all regions globally for data stored in a cloud environment. Data are protected following industry-standard information security procedures, such as encryption (in transit and at rest), access controls, principle of least privilege, etc., while adhering to global data privacy and security laws or regulations as well as internal 3M IT Governance policies and requirements.

Q: Is there a benefit to storing E-A-Rfit data in the 3M Cloud?

A: E-A-Rfit data synchronized and stored in 3M Cloud creates a centralized fit test database with data protection and privacy. Centrally stored data means E-A-Rfit testing can be conducted at multiple locations simultaneously and authorized users within the parent company can view the data in the Cloud. Staying connected to the Cloud during E-A-Rfit testing or connecting regularly to the Cloud will assure that E-A-Rfit data stored on your computer is uploaded to the centralized E-A-Rfit database in the Cloud.



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Q: Is there any cost to utilize the 3M Cloud feature?

A: No, there is no additional cost to our customers to store data in the 3M Cloud.

Q: If I register for the 3M Cloud data storage option and decide later that I do not want to use the 3M Cloud for data storage, can I go back to storing data on my computer or on the network drive and erase all data pertaining to my company in the 3M Cloud?

A: Yes. You can request that 3M deactivate your Cloud account and delete all your data in the 3M Cloud as defined in the End User License Agreement (EULA) terms and conditions. You will continue to store data locally on your PC or on a local network drive if configured. You will need to update your database location back to the default directory so that the EARfit system uses the results database on the PC or if configured, network drive.

Q: Can anyone in my company access the employee E-A-Rfit data in the 3M Cloud?

A: No, an organization administrator must authorize users to access company data in the 3M Cloud following user account setup steps.

Q: How do I authorize other company employees to access employee E-A-Rfit information in the 3M Cloud?

A: After you have registered for a user account and received your login credentials, click on the link below to login to setup additional users within your organization:

<https://download.3m.com>

Q: If I do not set up the 3M Cloud as my preferred data storage location, how can I authorize company employees at other locations to access the fit test data stored in my computer?

A: Other employees will not be able to access the fit test data stored on your computer if the Cloud feature is not enabled.

Q: What other features are available with the E-A-Rfit™ software version 5.10 download?

A: (1) New excel templates for analyzing E-A-Rfit data to help improve efficiency of fit testing
For example, data analytics will show which earplug models seem to fit your worker population better based on PAR values from previous fit tests. When conducting E-A-Rfit testing next time, you will know which hearing protection models to consider to try first. You will also be able to group similarly exposed workers for any follow up activities like training or noise exposure monitoring by creating an employee group that describes employee work areas or tasks.

(2) Customizable hearing protection model menu to see only the models you need for fit testing
This feature saves time scrolling through lists of hearing protection models that are not available to the workers wearing hearing protection.

