

North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board

Board Guidelines for Critique of Consumer Protection and/or Technique Issues Dealing with Ear Impressions for the Practicum Portion of the Licensing Examination

- Block should be flush with the material at the medial end of the impression (at canal end).
- Block should be of similar diameter as the medial end of the impression.
- Impression material should not seep around the block.
- Impression material should not be runny and there should not be excess material present in inferior region of lateral surface of impression.
- There should not be cracks in the impression material caused when removing impression from ear.
- Impression should not feel oily.
- The canal portion of the impression should show the beginning of 2nd bend.
- The helix, concha, and tragus portion should be totally defined.
- Weld marks should not be present (caused by improper material preparation or by failing to keep the tip of the syringe/gun in the material).