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Considerations when purchasing a tactical hands-free communications headset:

Durability and quality:

For communications headsets, this can range from extremely high quality electronics to items that resemble what can be purchased in toy stores (and in some cases are made by the same companies).

Go for the right stuff up front:

With most operational needs, continuous, clear, tactical communications is a must and loss of it can be a 'mission stopper.' Get headsets that are tailored to the type of operation and environmental needs you require.

Available features:

this may include remote push to talk switches, under-helmet options, waterproof/swimmers options, etc. The more multipurpose the unit is for various types of operational needs, the better off the user is going to be. Check out available options and custom options (to tailor the headset to unit needs).

Many companies cannot offer this - check out the reputation and track record of the manufacturer.

Who is using the unit?

If elite military and law enforcement units purchase the particular products and have good things to say about it, then this is a good sign that its "the right stuff." Furthermore, if the particular item has seen operational use and is still in use with the organization, that is an even better sign that its the right unit for the job.

Does the maker of the headset have a reputation for sales based on quality or sales based on always being "the low bidder":

Not all sales mean that the item was purchased on its merit. Often a lesser quality unit will be sold in large number over a higher quality one only due to budget constraints or a purchasing agent that was not concerned with getting the best item. In other cases, the test and evaluation process of the purchasing agency may have been flawed

The above criteria, if considered in your selection of tactical hands-free communications gear will most likely lead the organization towards the fine products sold by TEA, Inc.

The equipment sold by **TEA** is state of the art, tactically oriented, and far less likely to cause a "mission stopper" than competing products on the market. This is why so many elite units and specialty organizations continue to use their equipment.

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