

Beltone Solus Max 2.4: See What's New

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Key Takeaways

Key Takeaway	Practical Implication
Fitting-screen navigation is now vertical, down the left side of the screen	Locate previously used tools by scanning the left-hand column instead of a horizontal bar across the top.
The sound player and hearing loss simulator now live on the Tools page	Access counseling and demonstration tools from Tools, and the sound player stays open on top while you continue adjusting the fitting.
All Beltone Illuminate technology levels include 10 gain handles	Every patient can be fit with the same degree of gain-adjustment flexibility, regardless of technology level.
Firmware updates occur only during the connection flow	If a firmware update is skipped, plan to save the session and reconnect the patient's hearing aids to trigger the update again.
The Instrument Card now displays serial number and firmware version	Reference this information directly in the software when troubleshooting or contacting audiology support.
The Calibrate button is now accessible from every page within Fitting	Run feedback calibration without navigating back to a specific screen first.

Course Content

Learner Outcomes

- List the additional features that have been added to pages on the home screen.
- Explain the new navigation through the fitting software.
- Identify where key features have been relocated within Beltone Solus Max 2.4.

Navigation & Layout Updates

The main fitting screen navigation has moved from a horizontal bar at the top of the screen to a vertical pane running down the left-hand column.

This change was made to reduce visual clutter by housing all navigation in a single location, and gives the fitting software a more modern feel. Instead of scanning across the full width of the screen, the same tools can now be found by looking down the left column.

Q3

Quiz Hint: The main fitting screen navigation has changed from a horizontal bar across the top of the screen to a vertical pane running down the left side of the screen.

Home Screen & Resources Updates

The Home, Catalog, Resources, Update, Tools, and Preferences tabs can all be accessed without being in a specific patient NOAH file, allowing many tasks to be completed before or between patient appointments.

Under Resources, an “About Beltone Solus Max” marker consolidates the fitting software version number and required legal text in one place. The Resources page also houses the Education button, which links out to the Beltone University homepage for handouts and additional training, and an active phone compatibility QR code that links to the Beltone.com phone compatibility page by hearing aid.

Q2

Quiz Hint: Beltone Solus Max version and legal information, the Beltone University education link, and the phone compatibility QR code are all housed on the Resources page, under “About Beltone Solus Max.”

Tools Page Updates

The sound player and hearing loss simulator, previously part of the fitting screen, have been relocated to the Tools page. The hearing loss simulator lets a clinician play a sound file at a comfortable volume for the patient and family, then simulate that same file through the patient's hearing loss for comparison.

The sound player now includes its own Fitting tab, so the player stays open on top of the screen while the clinician moves back into the Fitting page to make adjustments and replay files, without having to reopen the player each time.

Q1

Quiz Hint: The sound player and hearing loss simulator, previously part of the fitting screen, have been relocated to the Tools page in Beltone Solus Max 2.4.

Hearing Aid Technology & Programming Updates

With Beltone Illuminate and products going forward, all technology levels will have 10 gain handles, giving added fitting flexibility regardless of the technology level a patient is wearing.

The battery indicator display has also been updated for a more modern look: FSW 2.3 displayed a five-dot gauge, while FSW 2.4 uses a single battery icon that visually fills or empties to reflect the charge level.

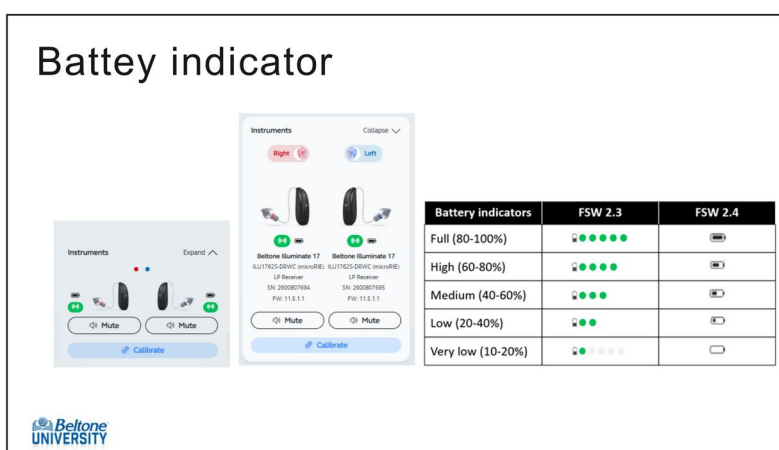


Figure 1. Instruments card views and battery indicator icon comparison between FSW 2.3 and FSW 2.4.

The Beltone Illuminate 17 microRIE offers True Directionality as its main directional feature, along with Omni, Speech Spotter Pro, CrossLink Directionality 4, and Personal Sound ID as selectable alternatives, and a per-environment Sound Cleaner Pro setting for the All-Around program.

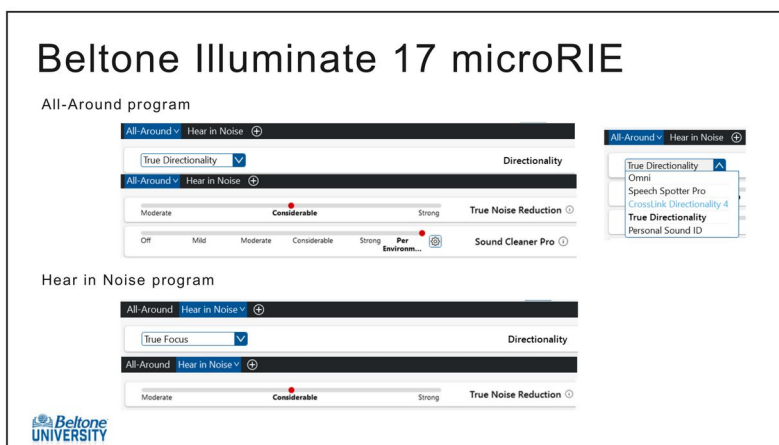


Figure 2. Beltone Illuminate 17 microRIE All-Around and Hear in Noise program settings, including Directionality options and Sound Cleaner Pro.

The Beltone Illuminate 9 microRIE runs CrossLink Directionality 4 with a static (not per-environment) Sound Cleaner Pro setting, and offers True Focus with an on/off True Noise Reduction toggle in the Hear in Noise program.

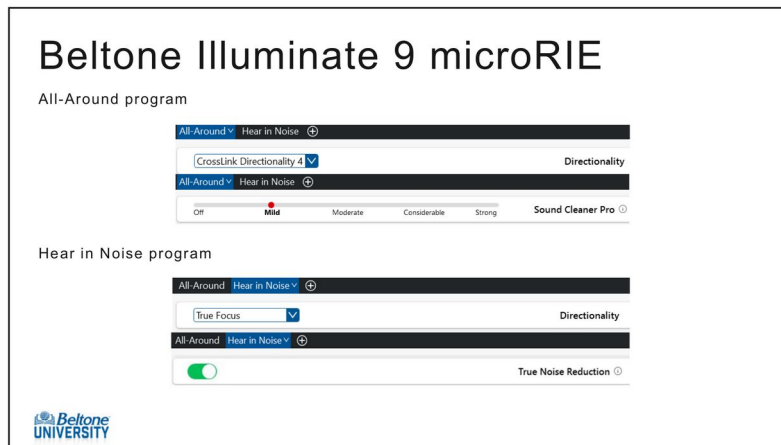


Figure 3. Beltone Illuminate 9 microRIE All-Around and Hear in Noise program settings, including CrossLink Directionality and the True Noise Reduction toggle.

Hearing aid firmware updates are now accessed only through the connection flow, as the clinician connects into the fitting software. If a firmware update is skipped, both hearing aids must be running the same firmware version before they can be programmed together; to trigger the update again later, the clinician must save the session and reconnect the patient's hearing aids.

Accessing Beltone Solus Pro requires that the computer had Beltone Solus Max 2.3 installed prior to updating to 2.4. Without that prior installation, the link to Solus Pro will not be available on that computer.

The Calibrate button, previously located only within a specific screen, is now accessible from any page within the Fitting section, so feedback calibration can be run without navigating back to a specific screen first.

Q5

Quiz Hint: The Calibrate button was relocated so it stays accessible from every page within the Fitting section, rather than being available only from one specific screen.

Instrument Card Updates

The Instrument Card has moved from the top to the bottom of the left-hand vertical column, and can be expanded or collapsed. The collapsed view shows the hearing aids, battery status, and mute controls.

The expanded view now also displays the hearing aid serial numbers and the firmware version each aid is running — information that is useful when responding to a firmware update notice or when calling in for audiology support.

Q4

Quiz Hint: The expanded Instrument Card now displays additional details, including the hearing aid serial numbers and the firmware version each aid is running.

Conclusion

- Navigation moved from a horizontal top bar to a vertical left-hand pane.
- The sound player and hearing loss simulator now live on the Tools page.
- All Illuminate technology levels include 10 gain handles.
- Firmware updates occur only through the connection flow.

- The Instrument Card now shows serial numbers and firmware version.
- The Calibrate button is accessible from any page within Fitting.

Interactive Worksheet

Complete the activities below to reinforce what you learned in this course. Click into each shaded box to type your response.

Guided Notes: Navigation & Home Screen Updates

Key Terms

Key Term	Definition
Vertical Pane Navigation	Click here to enter text.
Instrument Card	Click here to enter text.
Resources Page	Click here to enter text.

Describe how the main fitting screen navigation changed in this update, and identify where you can now find the Beltone Solus Max version number and legal information:

Click here to enter text.

If I open a patient's fitting session and cannot find a tool I used to see across the top of the screen, then I will...

Click here to enter text.

Guided Notes: Hearing Aid Technology & Programming Updates

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10 Gain Handles	Click here to enter text.
CrossLink Directionality 4	Click here to enter text.
Sound Cleaner Pro (Per Environment)	Click here to enter text.

Explain how the battery indicator display changed from FSW 2.3 to FSW 2.4:

Click here to enter text.

What two pieces of information were added to the expanded Instrument Card, and how could each be useful in your practice?

Click here to enter text.

If I need to verify a patient's hearing aid firmware version during a support call, then I will...

Click here to enter text.

Post-Course Reflection

What was the most significant update in Beltone Solus Max 2.4 that will change how you use the fitting software day to day?

Click here to enter text.

What questions do you still have about navigating the new layout or locating relocated features?

Click here to enter text.

Describe a specific patient-fitting scenario from your own practice where the new gain-handle flexibility or noise reduction options would be useful:

Click here to enter text.

What is one thing you will do differently in your practice next week as a result of this course?

Click here to enter text.

Action Plan

Identify at least 2 specific, measurable changes you plan to make to your clinical practice as a direct result of this course.

My Action Plan Goal	Target Date	How I Will Measure Success
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Quiz Summary

The following quiz hints appeared throughout the course content. Use this section as a quick study reference.

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Additional Information

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