

electrode noun

elec·trode i-ˈlek-,trōd 

- 1 : a conductor used to establish [electrical](#) contact with a nonmetallic part of a circuit
- 2 : an element in a semiconductor device (such as a transistor) that emits or collects [electrons](#) or holes or controls their movements

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These **electrodes** are housed in a body made from titanium and platinum-iridium, materials that are widely trusted in medical implants for their safety and compatibility with the human body, ensuring the device is suitable for long-term use.

— Kurt Knutsson, *FOXNews.com*, 21 June 2025

The animals' skulls are later surgically opened, **electrodes** are implanted into their brains, and researchers show them visual stimuli (images of faces, for example) to examine how the sensory deprivation or other visual manipulations affected their neurodevelopment.

— Marina Bolotnikova, *Vox*, 18 June 2025

The company's main product is a headset called Instinct, which uses adjustable **electrodes** to measure brain signals in a non-invasive way, allowing users to interact



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1833, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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