electrode noun

elec·trode i-ˈlek-ˌtrōd

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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