

Multi Function Personal Locator Beacon PLUS Embedded GPS 500-27-07



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- Simultaneous transmission
- Beacon and Speech Modes and COSPAS/SARSAT coverage
- Continuous transmission of GPS lat/long data on COSPAS/SARSAT data burst
- Unique remotely programmable country code function for 406.025MHz
- Manual or automatic operation
- Meets NATO STANAG 7007, latest issue, Eurocae ED-62
- Waterproof to 10 metres
- User reprogrammable mission modes: Covert CSAR, SAR Beacon & Training
- P/N 500-27 EB for -40°C (Class 1) operation

The Series 500-27-07 Personal Locator Beacons are simple, compact lightweight units which can be used either manually or automatically via ejection seat harness. A fully embedded 12 channel GPS with data burst transmission on 406.025 MHz. Fully compatible with the majority of search and rescue equipment including the COSPAS/SARSAT satellite based survivor location equipment. CSAR Covert, Overt and Training mission mode selections allow users maximum flexibility of beacon operation.

The PLB is a one piece unit with the transmission housed in a NATO green moulded thermoplastic case, which is designed such that the replacement battery pack can be mounted within the overall package to form a smooth but non-slip hand portable unit. The design is such that easy replacement of the battery module (15 seconds) is possible during beacon operation. Full speech capability on 121.5 and 243 MHz together with an audible tone indicating live beacon transmissions with GPS lat/long position. The unit is designed to survive for up to ten years with the only maintenance being battery replacement every five years. The antenna (supplied) is capable of being attached directly to the PLB or remotely through a cable assembly for operation in a dinghy.

Specification

Transmitter Signal Frequency

The PLB transmits modulated homing signals on both 121.5MHz (Civil) and 243.0 (Military) distress frequencies, with characteristics in accordance with STANAG 7007. Together with 406.025 MHz in accordance with COSPAS/SARSAT.
CSAR Frequency User selectable encrypted frequencies.
Channel Spacing Transmissions and reception on both frequencies are compatible with 25KHz channel spacing.

Modulation (121.5 and 243 MHz)

Continuous Swept Tone of at least 700Hz within the Sweep Range:
Sweep Range 1.6 KHz to 300 Hz (i.e downwards)
Sweep Rate 2-3 Hz
Modulation Depth 67% minimum (80% typical)
Amplitude Modulated with Rectangular Wave

Modulation (406.025 MHz)

0.5 Secs 5W pulse every 50 secs
Phase modulation of $\pm \pi/3$ rad (peak)
Digital modulation to include (see C/S G.005 Iss. Rev1, Section 3):
Bit Synchronisation
Frame Synchronisation
Protected Field
Emergency - Code/National Use Field
Long Message (Optional)

GPS Receiver (Embedded)

Snap Start (advanced hot start) 2 sec
Hot Start (avg) <8 sec
Warm Start (avg) <40 sec
Cold Start (avg) <50 sec
Satellite Signal
Reacquisition Time 100ms
No of Channels 12
Correlation Points 960
Min Signal Level Tracked -172dBw
Power Consumption 110 mA
Receiver L1 C/A Code
Protocols NMEA V2.2, SiRF

GPS Antenna

Centre Frequency 1575.42 MHz
Bandwidth 2 MHz min (at -10dB point)
Gain 1dBi min (elevation 90°)
VSWR (at fo) 2.0 : 1 max
Impedance (at fo) 50 ohm
Polarisation RHCP

Power Output

121.5 & 243 MHz 48 hours min., 100mW (+20dBm) on both frequencies at -20°C
406.025 MHz 24 hours min., 5W (+37dBm \pm 2dBm) at -20°C

ACTIVATION

Manual or Automatic

PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES

Dimensions 150mm x 87.5mm x 37.5mm
Weight 650gm nominal
Colour NATO green, colour options available upon request

COMPLIANCE

The PLB is compliant with the following specifications:

Civil BS 3G 100 Series for general requirements for use in aircraft EUROCAE ED62/ RTCA DO-204 / RTCA DO - 183 EUROCAE ED14C / RTCA DO-160C COSPAS/SARSAT
Military NATO - STANAG 7007 latest issue Personal Locator Beacon
Approvals TSO C91a and C126, JTSO-2C91a and 2C126 COSPAS/SARSAT Approval 111

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