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### **SECTION 1**

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

Testing of the McMurdo G5/E5 Smartfind Plus 406MHz EPIRB in accordance with RCTM Paper 77 – 2002 / SC110-STD



#### 1.1 STATUS

Name and Address of Client McMurdo Limited

Silverpoint

Airport Service Road

Hilsea PO3 5PB

Model Number G5/E5 Smartfind Plus 406MHz EPIRB

Serial Number 9D1CD34D34D74D1

**Test Specification/Issue/Date** RCTM Paper 77 – 2002 / SC110-STD

Number of Items Tested One

Security Classification of EUT Unclassified

**Incoming Release** Application Form Date Application Form 1st February 2006

Order Number PC0001813
Date PC0001813
31<sup>st</sup> August 2005

Start of Test 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006

Finish of Test 21<sup>st</sup> October 2006



## 1.2 BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESULTS

A brief summary of the tests carried out to EN 50121-3-2 is shown below.

| Section | RTCM<br>Clause | Details  | Result |
|---------|----------------|--|--------|
| -       | -              | Table of Test Results                            |        |
| 2.1     | A1.0           | Initial Aliveness test                           | Pass   |
| 2.2     | A3.0           | Dry Heat Cycle                                   | Pass   |
| 2.3     | A4.0           | Damp Heat Cycle                                  | Pass   |
| 2.4     | A5.0           | Vibration Test                                   | Pass   |
| 2.5     | A6.0           | Bump Test  | Pass   |
| 2.6     | A7.0           | Salt Fog Test                                    | Pass   |
| 2.7A    | A8.1           | Drop Test (onto hard surface)                    | Pass   |
| 2.7B    | A8.2           | Drop Test (into water, 20 metres)                | Pass   |
| 2.8     | A9.0           | Leakage and Immersion Tests                      | Pass   |
| 2.9     | A10.0          | Spurious Emissions Test                          | Pass   |
| 2.10    | A11.0          | Thermal Shock Test                               | Pass   |
| 2.11    | A12.0          | COSPAS-SARSAT TYPE APPROVAL TO T.007             | Pass   |
| 2.12    | A13.1          | Operational Life Test                            | Pass   |
| 2.13    | A13.2          | Strobe Light Test                                | Pass   |
| 2.14    | A 13.3         | Self Test  | Pass   |
| 2.15    | A14.0          | Automatic Release Mechanism Test                 | Pass   |
| 2.16    | A15.0          | Stability and Buoyancy                           | Pass   |
| 2.17    | A16.0          | Inadvertent Activation Test                      | Pass   |
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| 2.19    | A18.0          | Humidity Test                                    | N/A    |
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#### 1.3 APPLICATION FORM

## 1.3.1 Applicant Details

Company Name McMurdo Limited

Address Silver Point

Airport Service Road

Portsmouth Hilsea PO3 5PB United Kingdom

Category of Applicant [✓] Manufacturer [ ] Importer [ ] Agent

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#### 1.3.2 Manufacturer Details

Company Name Same as above

Address

Contact Name Telephone Email Fax



#### 1.3 **APPLICATION FORM** 1.3.3 **Beacon Details** Beacon Model: G5/E5 Smartfind Plus 406MHz EPIRB Name & Location of Test Facility: BABT, Hampshire, United Kingdom Beacon Type: [ ] Aviation [ ]Land [ ✓] Maritime [ 1] Class 2: -20°C to +55°C Operating Temperature Range: [ ] Class 1: -40°C to +55°C Specified Operating Lifetime: [ ] Other [ hrs] [ ] 24 hrs [ ✓] 48 hrs Beacon Battery Type: Chemistry: Lithium Manganese Dioxide Manufacturer & Model No: Varta CR2/3 AH Size & number of cells: 3 x 3 2/3AH Voltage: 9V nominal 6.4V end-point Beacon Oscillator: **TCXO** Type: Manufacturer & Model No: **CMAC E3279 Ancillary Devices & Features** No Yes **Details** Self Test Mode: See in Self Test Characteristics below [ ] [ ✓ ] Auxiliary Radio-Locating Device: [ ] [ ✓ ] 121.5 MHz Frequency: Power: 17 dBm for 48 hours Tx. Duty Cycle: Continuous **Encoded Position Data:** [ ] **[**✓] Nav. Device: Internal Type: GPS Manufacturer: EAZIX Model: EZGPM01 Long Message (144 bits): [ ] **[**✓] Short Message (112 bits): [ ] [ ] **Automatic Activation:** [ ] [ ✓ ] Strobe Light: [ ] [**√**] Intensity: >0.75cd Flash Rate 21 flashes per minute Voice Communications (PTT): [ ✓ ] [ ] Other: [ 1 [ ] Specify: Protocols Supported: **User Location Protocol** [ ] [ 1 Standard Location Protocol [ ] [ 1 Standard Short Location Protocol **[√]** [ ]

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National Location Protocol

National Short Location Protocol

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[ ✓ ]

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## 1.3 APPLICATION FORM

## 1.3.3 Beacon Details

### **Self Test Characteristics**

|   | Yes                                       | No                 | ) |
|---|---|--------------------|---|
| Does self-test have a separate switch positions?  Does self-test switch automatically return to normal position when released?  If not, how long until the first 'distress' message is emitted?   | [ \( \cdot \)]                            | ]                  | ] |
| Does self-test transmit a 406MHz signal? Unmodulated signal only? Normal data, but with inverted frame synchronisation pattern? 1 burst only?   | [ \forall ]<br>[ \forall ]<br>[ \forall ] | [<br>[√<br>[       | ] |
| Does self-test transmit a 121.5MHz signal? For less than 1 second? Continually while self-test is activated?  ☑ Other period (specify): 15  | [ ]<br>[ ]                                | [<br>[             | ] |
| Does self-test transmit on any other frequency (e.g. 243MHz)  | [ ]                                       | [ ✓                | ] |
| Result of self test is indicated by: Pass fail indicator light Strobe light flash [ ] Other (specify):  | [ \( \) ]                                 | ]                  | ] |
| Can the self-test be performed without removing the beacon from mounting bracket? What parameters are internally tested by the self-test? Battery voltage RF power at 406MHz RF power at 121.5MHz Approximate RF frequency Phase locked loop [ ] Other (specify): | [ \( \) [ \( \) ] [ \( \) ] [ \( \) ]     | [<br>[<br>[<br>[ ~ | ] |
| Number of self tests per year   | [12                                       |                    | ] |
| Duration of self test   | [9 secor                                  | nds                | ] |
| Do the above characteristics apply for all countries where beacon sold? If No, please specify:  | [ ✓ ]                                     | [                  | ] |
| Do the above characteristics apply for all production serial numbers? If No, please specify:  | [ ✓ ]                                     | [                  | ] |
| Battery Data  |   |                    |   |
| Battery replacement interval Battery capacity Battery self drain (i.e. when the battery is stored out of the beacon)  | [6 years<br>[3.06 Ah<br>[1% per           | 1                  | ] |



#### 1.3 **APPLICATION FORM**

#### 1.3.4 **Declaration of Build Status**

Issue C Hardware Version:

1.2.186 Software Version:

#### 1.3.5 **Declarations**

|  | Yes      | NO  | , |
|--|----------|-----|---|
| Are the equipments submitted representative production models?   | [ ✓ ]    | [   | ] |
| If No re the equipments pre-production models?   | [ ]      | [   | ] |
| If pre-production, will final equipments be identical in ALL respects?   | [ ✓ ]    | [   | ] |
| If No supply full details:   |          |     |   |
| Is the Test report to be used as part of a Cospas-Sarsat Type Approval Application   | ı? [✓]   | [   | ] |
| If Yes, has the product, any direct engineering predecessor, or variant ever be granted Type Approval in any EEC member country? | en<br>[] | [ ✓ | ] |
| If Yes, supply full details:   |          |     |   |
| Will the labeling of the equipment comply with the requirements of C/S T.007 Issue 4?  | [ ✓ ]    | [   | ] |
|  |          |     |   |

#### 1.3.6 **Applicant's Declaration**

I hereby declare that I am entitled to sign on the hehalf of the applicant and that the information

406.028MHz = 16K0G1D

supplied is correct and complete.

ITU Class of Emission: 121.5MHz = 3K20A3X

Signed: (when not emailing)

Name:

Neil Jordan

Position Held: **Electronics Engineer** 

1<sup>st</sup> June 2006 Date:



#### 1.4 **MODIFICATIONS**

No modifications were made to the test sample during testing.

#### REPORT MODIFICATION RECORD 1.5

Issue 1 – First Issue
Issue 2 – Additional Testing added: Section 2.6: Salt Fog Test;
Section 2.18.7: Frequency Coherence
Test Certificate Hydrostatic Release (Annex A A.8)
Issue 3 – Section 2.18.7: Correction to Table



### **SECTION 2**

## **TEST DETAILS**

Testing of the McMurdo G5/E5 Smartfind Plus 406MHz EPIRB in accordance with RCTM Paper 77 – 2002 / SC110-STD



| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED                 | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION         | UNITS |                  | COMMENTS         |                  |             |
|--|--------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED                 | KANGE OF STECHTICATION         | UNITS | T <sub>min</sub> | T <sub>amb</sub> | T <sub>max</sub> | OOMMENTO    |
|  |                                |       | (-20°C)          | (+23°C)          | (+55°C)          |             |
| 1. INITIAL ALIVENESS TEST (A 1.0)        |                                |       |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.1 |
| Carrier Frequency                        | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz   |                  | 406.0281         |                  |             |
| Power Output                             | 35 – 39                        | dBm   |                  | 37.2             |                  |             |
| 2. DRY HEAT CYCLE (A 3.0)                |                                |       |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.2 |
| Aliveness test (during 2 hour period)    |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |             |
| Carrier Frequency                        | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz   |                  |                  | 406.0281         |             |
| Power Output                             | 35 – 39                        | dBm   |                  |                  | 36.4             |             |
| Aliveness test (at end of 2 hour period) |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |             |
| Carrier Frequency                        | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz   |                  |                  | 406.0281         |             |
| Power Output                             | 35 – 39                        | dBm   |                  |                  | 36.1             |             |
|  |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |             |
| 3. DAMP HEAT CYCLE (A 4.0)               |                                |       |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.3 |
| Aliveness test (during 2 hour period)    |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |             |
| Carrier Frequency                        | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz   |                  |                  | 406.0281         |             |
| Power Output                             | 35 – 39                        | dBm   |                  |                  | 36.4             |             |
| Aliveness test (at end of 2 hour period) |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |             |
| Carrier Frequency                        | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz   |                  |                  | 406.0281         |             |
| Power Output                             | 35 – 39                        | dBm   |                  |                  | 36.2             |             |



| DΛ  | AMETER TO BE MEASURED                   | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION         | UNITS    |                  | TEST RESULTS     |                  | COMMENTS  |
|-----|---|--------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| FAI | AMETER TO BE MEASURED                   | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION         | UNITS    | T <sub>min</sub> | T <sub>amb</sub> | T <sub>max</sub> | COMMENTS  |
|     |   |                                |          | (-20°C)          | (+23°C)          | (+55°C)          |   |
|     |   |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |   |
| 4.  | VIBRATION TEST (A 5.0)                  |                                |          |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.4   |
|     | Exterior Mechanical Inspection          | No damage                      | ✓        |                  | ✓                |                  |   |
|     | Aliveness test                          |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |   |
|     | Carrier Frequency                       | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz      |                  | 406.0281         |                  |   |
|     | Power Output                            | 35 – 39                        | dBm      |                  | 37.2             |                  |   |
|     | Activation                              | No activation during test      | <b>√</b> |                  | <b>✓</b>         |                  |   |
| 5.  | BUMP TEST (A 6.0)                       |                                |          |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.5   |
|     | Exterior Mechanical Inspection          | No damage                      | ✓        |                  | ✓                |                  |   |
|     | Aliveness test                          |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |   |
|     | Carrier Frequency                       | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz      |                  | 406.0281         |                  |   |
|     | Power Output                            | 35 – 39                        | dBm      |                  | 37.3             |                  |   |
|     | Activation                              | No activation during test      | ✓        |                  | ✓                |                  |   |
| 6.  | SALT FOG TEST (A 7.0)                   |                                |          |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.6   |
|     | Exterior Mechanical Inspection          | No damage                      | ✓        |                  | <b>√</b>         |                  |   |
|     | Aliveness test                          |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |   |
|     | Carrier Frequency (Float Free Mounting) | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz      |                  | 406.0281         |                  |   |
|     | Carrier Frequency (Manual Mounting)     | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz      |                  | 406.0281         |                  |   |
|     | Power Output                            | 35 – 39                        | dBm      |                  | N/A              |                  | EUT fitted with antenna – Power measurements not made |



| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED              | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION         | UNITS    | TEST RESULTS     |                  |                  | COMMENTS                              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FARAMETER TO BE MEASURED              | MANUE OF OF EOI TOATION        | ONTO     | T <sub>min</sub> | T <sub>amb</sub> | T <sub>max</sub> | COMMENTS                              |
|                                       |                                |          | (-20°C)          | (+23°C)          | (+55°C)          |                                       |
| 7-A. DROP TEST (A 8.1)                |                                |          |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.7A                          |
| On Hard Surface                       |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |                                       |
| Exterior Mechanical Inspection        | No damage                      | ✓        |                  | <b>✓</b>         |                  | Test button cover fell off (replaced) |
| Aliveness test                        |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |                                       |
| Carrier Frequency                     | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz      |                  | 406.0282         |                  |                                       |
| Power Output                          | 35 – 39                        | dBm      |                  | 37.3             |                  |                                       |
| Activation                            | No activation during test      | ✓        |                  | ✓                |                  |                                       |
| 7-B. DROP TEST (A 8.2)                |                                |          |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.7B                          |
| In Water                              |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |                                       |
| Exterior Mechanical Inspection        | No damage                      | ✓        |                  | ✓                |                  |                                       |
| Aliveness test                        |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |                                       |
| Carrier Frequency                     | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz      |                  | 406.0281         |                  |                                       |
| Power Output                          | 35 – 39                        | dBm      |                  | 37.2             |                  |                                       |
| • Activation                          | No activation during test      | ✓        |                  | ✓                |                  |                                       |
| 8. LEAKAGE AND IMMERSION TEST (A 9.0) |                                |          |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.8                           |
| Aliveness test                        |                                |          |                  |                  |                  |                                       |
| Carrier Frequency                     | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz      |                  | 406.0281         |                  |                                       |
| Power Output                          | 35 – 39                        | dBm      |                  | 37.2             |                  |                                       |
| Interior Inspection                   | No water                       | <b>√</b> |                  | ✓                |                  |                                       |



| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED                 | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION UNITS   |                        | TEST RESULTS                          |                     |                                       |               |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED                 | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION         | UNITS                  | T <sub>min</sub>                      | $T_{amb}$ $T_{max}$ |                                       | COMMENTS      |
|  |                                |                        | (-20°C)                               | (+23°C)             | (+55°C)                               |               |
|  |                                |                        |                                       |                     |                                       |               |
| 9. SPURIOUS EMISSIONS TEST (A 10.0)      |                                |                        |                                       |                     |                                       | Section 2.9   |
| • 406 MHz                                | Figure 2-1                     | ✓                      | ✓                                     | ✓                   | ✓                                     | Attach graphs |
| • 121.5 MHz                              | Figure 2-6                     | ✓                      | ✓                                     | <b>✓</b>            | <b>✓</b>                              | Attach graphs |
| 10. THERMAL SHOCK TEST (A 11.0)          |                                |                        | (-30°C)                               |                     | (+70°C)                               | Section 2.10  |
| Self-activation in water                 | 5                              | Minutes                | Fresh Water: 4.12<br>Salt Water: <0.1 |                     | Fresh Water: <0.1<br>Salt Water: <0.1 |               |
| Aliveness test                           |                                |                        |                                       |                     |                                       |               |
| Carrier Frequency                        | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz                    | 406.0279                              |                     | 406.0279                              |               |
| Power Output                             | 35 – 39                        | dBm                    | 35.7                                  |                     | 36.4                                  |               |
| Frequency Stability                      |                                |                        |                                       |                     |                                       |               |
| Short term stability                     | 0.002                          | Parts/million in 100ms | 7.8 <sup>-11</sup>                    | -                   | 1.01 <sup>-10</sup>                   |               |
| Medium term stability                    |                                |                        |                                       |                     |                                       |               |
| Mean slope                               | 0.001                          | Parts/million/min      | -2.97 <sup>-10</sup>                  |                     | -6.44 <sup>-10</sup>                  |               |
| Residual frequency variation             | 0.003                          | Parts/million          | 4.78 <sup>-10</sup>                   |                     | 1.41 <sup>-9</sup>                    |               |
| 11. COSPAS-SARSAT TYPE APPROVAL (A 12.0) | C-S Certificate                |                        |                                       |                     |                                       | Section 2.11  |



| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED   | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION               | UNITS                  | TEST RESULTS  |           |                  | COMMENT      |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|--------------|
| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED   | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION               | UNITS                  | T <sub>min</sub>  | $T_{amb}$ | T <sub>max</sub> | COMMENTS     |
|  |                                      |                        | (-20°C)   | (+23°C)   | (+55°C)          |              |
| 12. OPERATIONAL LIFE, STROBE LIGHT AND SELF TESTS (A 13.0)           |                                      |                        |   |           |                  | Section 2.12 |
| Operational Life   |                                      |                        |   |           |                  |              |
| Frequency  |                                      |                        |   |           |                  |              |
| Nominal Carrier  | 406.025± or 406.028±0.001            | MHz                    | Max: 406.027949<br>Min: 406.027944                                |           |                  |              |
| Short-term stability   | 0.002                                | Parts/million in 100ms | Max: 2.3525 x 10 <sup>-10</sup><br>Min: 5.716 x 10 <sup>-11</sup> |           |                  |              |
| Medium-term stability  |                                      |                        |   |           |                  |              |
| Mean slope   | 0.001                                | Parts/million/min      | Max: 2.469 x 10 <sup>-10</sup><br>Min: -2.948 x 10 <sup>-10</sup> |           |                  |              |
| Residual variation   | 0.003                                | Parts/million          | Max: 1.185 x 10 <sup>-09</sup><br>Min: 1.143 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>  |           |                  |              |
| RF output power  | 35 – 39                              | dBm                    | Max: 37.43<br>Min: 37.19  |           |                  |              |
| Strobe flash rate  | 20 – 30                              | /min                   | 21.2  |           |                  |              |
| <ul> <li>Auxiliary radio-locating Peak envelope<br/>power</li> </ul> | 14 – 20                              | dBm                    | Max: 15.43<br>Min: 15.03  |           |                  | Calculated   |
| 13. STROBE LIGHT TEST (A 13.2)                                       |                                      |                        |   |           |                  | Section 2.13 |
| Flash rate   | 20 – 30                              | /min                   | 21.2  | 21.0      | 21.2             | OCCION 2.10  |
| Effective intensity  | 0.75                                 | Cd                     | 1.37  | 1.27      | 1.18             |              |
| Pulse duration   | 10 <sup>-6</sup> to 10 <sup>-2</sup> | ms                     | 10  | 10        | 10               |              |
| 14. SELF TEST (A 13.3)   |                                      |                        |   |           |                  | Section 2.14 |
| RF pulse duration  | 0.444 sec or 0.525 sec               | ✓                      | 0.522   | 0.521     | 0.521            |              |
| Frame synchronisation pattern  | 0 1101 0000                          | <b>√</b>               | ✓   | ✓         | ✓                |              |
| Number of RF bursts  | 1 – burst                            | ✓                      | ✓   | ✓         | ✓                |              |



| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED                       | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION  | UNITS |                  | TEST RESULTS     |                  | COMMENTS     |
|--|---|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| FARAMETER TO BE MEASURED                       | KANGE OF OF ECH TOATION                                       | UNITS | T <sub>min</sub> | T <sub>amb</sub> | T <sub>max</sub> | COMMENTS     |
|  |   |       | (-20°C)          | (+23°C)          | (+55°C)          |              |
| 15. AUTOMATIC RELEASE MECHANISM TEST (A 14.1)  |   |       |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.15 |
| <ul> <li>Normal mounted orientation</li> </ul> |   | ✓     |                  | ✓                |                  | Annex A      |
| Rolling 90° starboard                          |   | ✓     |                  | ✓                |                  | Annex A      |
| Rolling 90° port                               | Release and float free before 4                               | ✓     |                  | ✓                |                  | Annex A      |
| Rolling 90° bow down                           | meters: automatic activation                                  | ✓     |                  | ✓                |                  | Annex A      |
| Rolling 90° stern down                         |   | ✓     |                  | ✓                |                  | Annex A      |
| Upside down                                    |   | ✓     |                  | ✓                |                  | Annex A      |
| 16. STABILITY AND BUOYANCY TEST (A 15.0)       |   |       |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.16 |
| Turn upright                                   | 2   | S     |                  | <2               |                  |              |
| Reserve Buoyancy                               | 5   | %     |                  | 58.7             |                  |              |
| Float upright; Antenna base                    | >4  | cm    |                  | 5.5              |                  |              |
|  |   |       |                  |                  |                  |              |
| 17. INADVERTENT ACTIVATION TEST (A 16.0)       |   |       |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.17 |
| Activation / Release                           | EUT should not release from bracket or automatically activate | ✓     |                  | ✓                |                  |              |



| PARAMETER TO BE MEASURED                                      | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION                 | UNITS |                         | TEST RESULTS            |                         |              |  |
|---|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| TAXAMETER TO BE MEASURED                                      | NAME OF OF EDITION                     | ONTO  | T <sub>min</sub>        | T <sub>amb</sub>        | $T_{max}$               | COMMENTS     |  |
|   |  |       | (-20°C)                 | (+23°C)                 | (+55°C)                 |              |  |
|   |  |       |                         |                         |                         |              |  |
| 18. AUXILIARY RADIO-LOCATING DEVICE TRANSMITTER TEST (A 17.0) |  |       |                         |                         |                         | Section 2.18 |  |
| Carrier frequency   | 121.5 ± 0.006                          | MHz   | 121.500081              | 121.500000 (ref)        | 121.499571              |              |  |
| • PERP  | 14 – 20                                | dBm   |                         | Max: 15.6<br>Min: 15.2  |                         |              |  |
| Duty cycle  | 100                                    | %     | 99.08                   | 99.05                   | 98.91                   |              |  |
| Modulation  |  |       |                         |                         |                         |              |  |
| Frequency   | 700Hz<br>within range of 300 – 1600 Hz | Hz    | Max: 1481<br>Min: 339.0 | Max: 1488<br>Min: 339.4 | Max: 1486<br>Min: 339.6 |              |  |
| Direction   | Upward                                 | ✓     |                         |                         |                         |              |  |
| Duty cycle  | 33 – 55                                | %     | 39.3                    | 42.5                    | 42.8                    |              |  |
| Factor  | 0.85 – 1.0                             | #     | 0.961                   | 0.968                   | 0.963                   |              |  |
| Sweep repetition rate   | 2 – 4                                  | Hz    | 3.000                   | 3.005                   | 3.002                   |              |  |
| Frequency Coherence   | ±30                                    | Hz    | -3.85                   | -23.40                  | -10.42                  |              |  |
| Antenna   |  |       |                         |                         |                         |              |  |
| Pattern   | Omnidirectional                        | ✓     |                         | ✓                       |                         |              |  |
| Polarization  | Vertical                               | ✓     |                         | ✓                       |                         |              |  |
| VSWR  | 1.5:1                                  | ✓     |                         | <b>✓</b>                |                         |              |  |
|   |  |       |                         |                         |                         |              |  |
| 19. HUMIDITY TEST (A 18.0)                                    |  |       |                         |                         |                         | Section 2.19 |  |
| Aliveness test  |  |       |                         |                         |                         |              |  |
| Carrier Frequency   | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001         | MHz   |                         |                         | N/A                     |              |  |
| Power Output  | 35 – 39                                | dBm   |                         |                         | N/A                     |              |  |



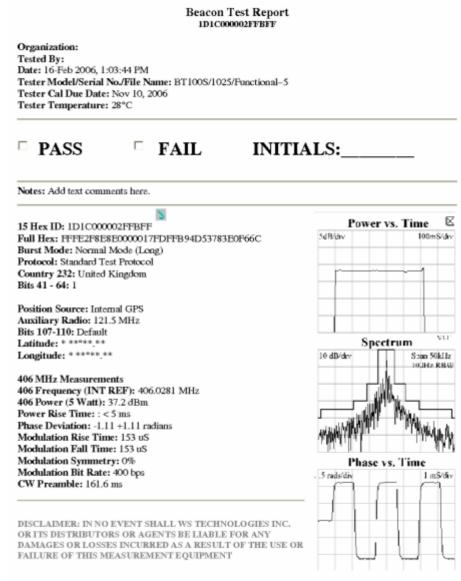
| DAE  | RAMETER TO BE MEASURED    | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION         | UNITS | TEST RESULTS     |                  | COMMENTS         |              |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| ı Aı | MAINETER TO BE MEASURED   | KANGE OF SECULOATION           | ONITO | T <sub>min</sub> | T <sub>amb</sub> | T <sub>max</sub> | COMMENTS     |
|      |                           |                                |       | (-20°C)          | (+23°C)          | (+55°C)          |              |
|      |                           |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |              |
| 20.  | ORIENTATION TEST (A 19.0) |                                |       |                  |                  |                  | Section 2.20 |
|      | Vertical                  |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |              |
|      | Aliveness test            |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |              |
|      | Carrier Frequency         | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz   |                  | 406.0281         |                  |              |
|      | Power Output              | 35 – 39                        | dBm   |                  | 36.5             |                  |              |
|      | Upside down               |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |              |
|      | Aliveness test            |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |              |
|      | Carrier Frequency         | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz   |                  | 406.0281         |                  |              |
|      | Power Output              | 35 – 39                        | dBm   |                  | 36.3             |                  |              |
|      | Horizontal                |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |              |
|      | Aliveness test            |                                |       |                  |                  |                  |              |
|      | Carrier Frequency         | 406.025±0.002 Or 406.028±0.001 | MHz   |                  | 406.021          |                  |              |
|      | Power Output              | 35 – 39                        | dBm   |                  | 36.5             |                  |              |



#### 2.1 INITIAL ALIVENESS TEST

#### 2.1.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 1.0)



Beacon Test Report - Initial Aliveness Test



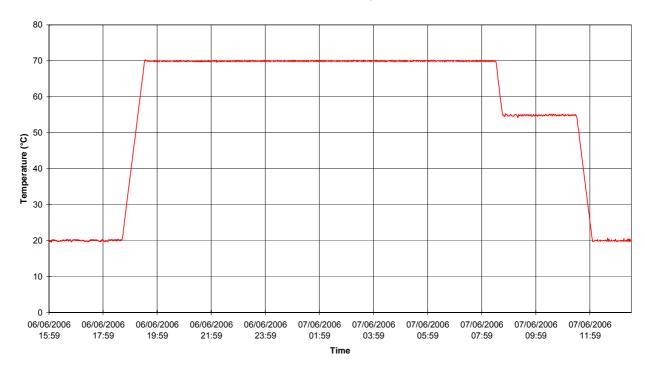
### 2.2 DRY HEAT CYCLE

## 2.2.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 3.0)

## 2.2.2 Temperature Plot

HALT AREA PRT'S.Instron Temperature



Plot showing temperature cycle



#### 2.2 DRY HEAT CYCLE

#### 2.2.3 Test Results

# **Beacon Test Report**

1D1C000002FFBFF

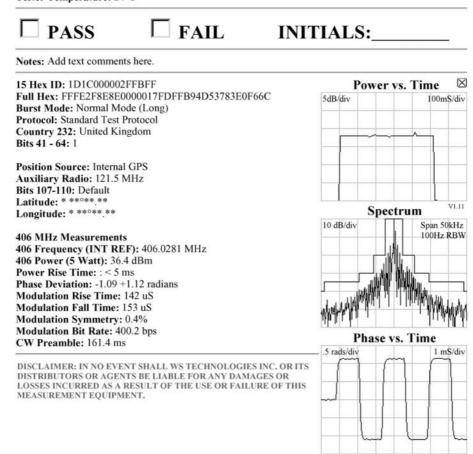
Organization: Tested By:

Date: 07-Jun-06 9:19:00 AM

Tester Model/Serial No./File Name: BT100S/1025/smartenv-1

Tester Cal Due Date: Nov 10, 2006

Tester Temperature: 24°C

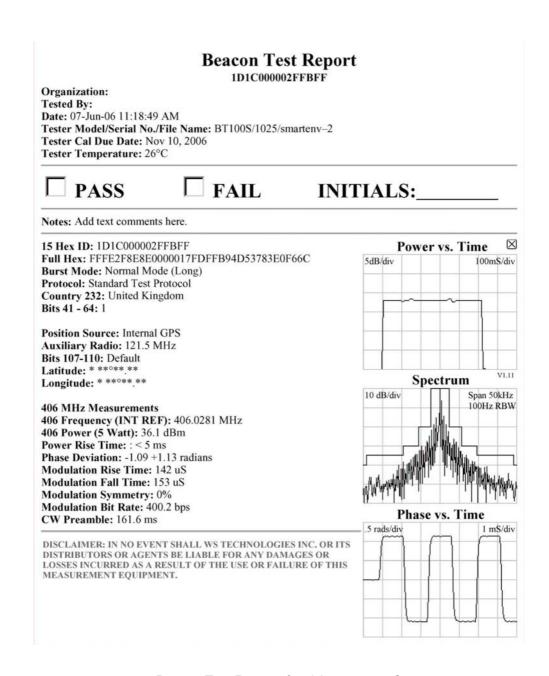


Beacon Test Report at 55°C



#### 2.2 DRY HEAT CYCLE

### 2.2.3 Test Results



Beacon Test Report after 2 hours at 55°C

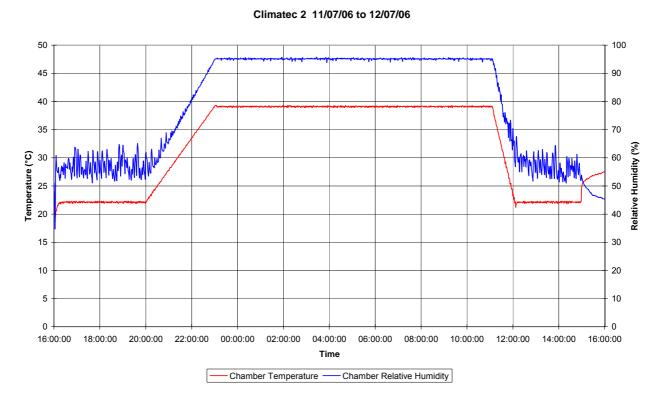


## 2.3 DAMP HEAT CYCLE

## 2.3.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 4.0)

## 2.3.2 Temperature/Humidity Plot

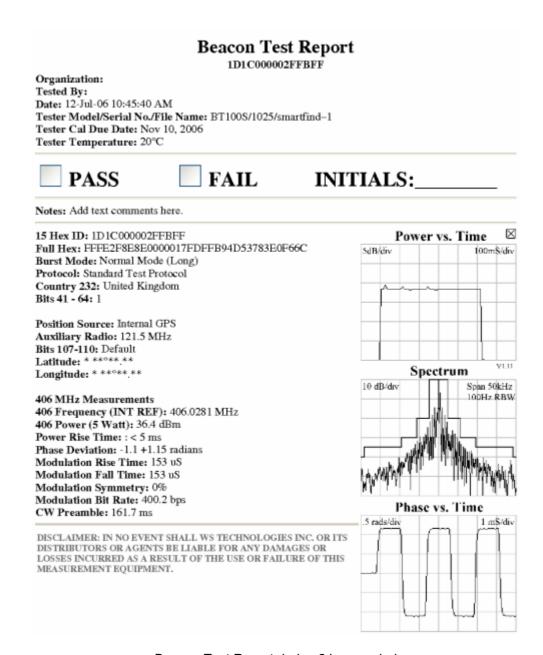


Plot showing temperature and humidity cycle



#### 2.3 DAMP HEAT CYCLE

#### 2.3.3 Test Results



Beacon Test Report during 2 hour period



#### 2.3 DAMP HEAT CYCLE

#### 2.3.3 **Test Results**

# **Beacon Test Report**

1D1C000002FFBFF

Organization: Tested By:

Date: 12-Jul-06 11:02:19 AM

Tester Model/Serial No./File Name: BT100S/1025/smartfind-2

Tester Cal Due Date: Nov 10, 2006 Tester Temperature: 23°C

| $\square$ PASS | $\Box$ FAIL | INITIALS: |  |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|--|
|                |             |           |  |

Notes: Add text comments here.

15 Hex ID: 1D1C000002FFBFF

Full Hex: FFFE2F8E8E0000017FDFFB94D53783E0F66C

Burst Mode: Normal Mode (Long) Protocol: Standard Test Protocol Country 232: United Kingdom Bits 41 - 64: 1

Position Source: Internal GPS Auxiliary Radio: 121.5 MHz

Bits 107-110: Default Latitude: \* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*
Longitude: \* \*\*\*\*\*.\*\*

406 MHz Measurements

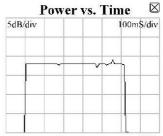
406 Frequency (INT REF): 406.0281 MHz

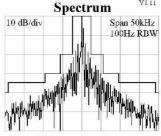
406 Power (5 Watt): 36.2 dBm Power Rise Time: : < 5 ms Phase Deviation: -1.11 +1.15 radians

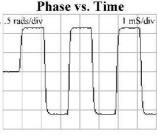
Modulation Rise Time: 142 uS Modulation Fall Time: 142 uS Modulation Symmetry: 0.4% Modulation Bit Rate: 400 bps CW Preamble: 161.4 ms

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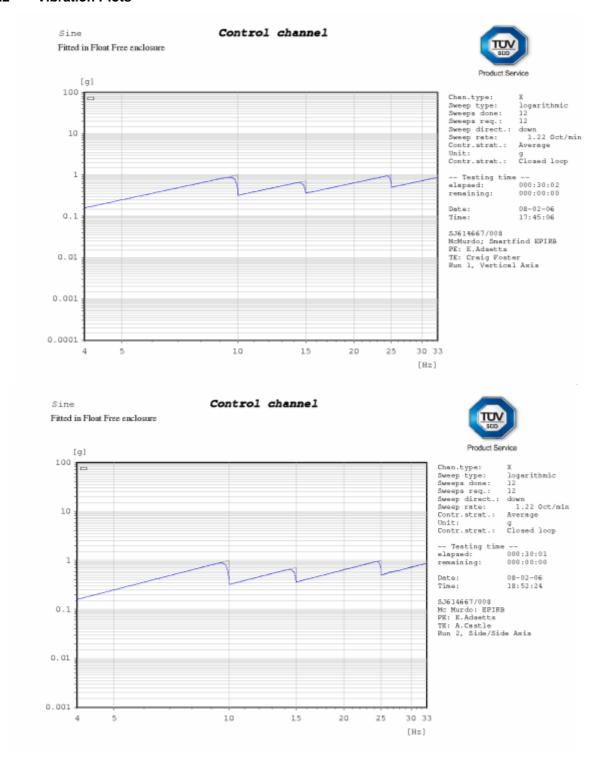
Beacon Test Report at end of 2 hour period



#### 2.4.1 Specification Reference

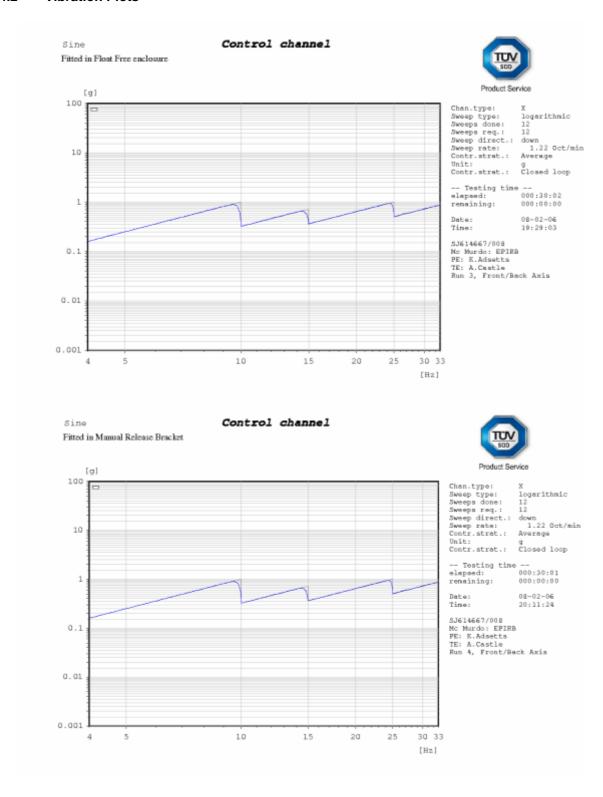
RCTM Paper 77 (A 5.0)

### 2.4.2 Vibration Plots



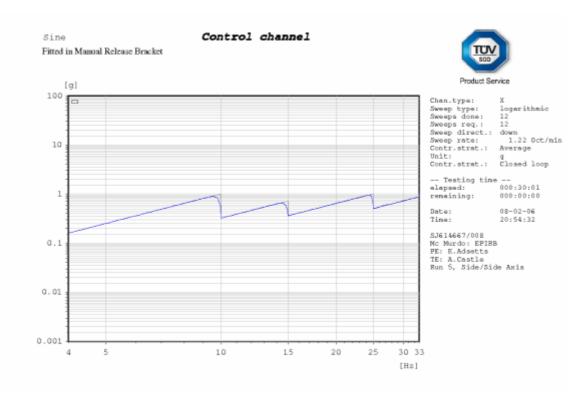


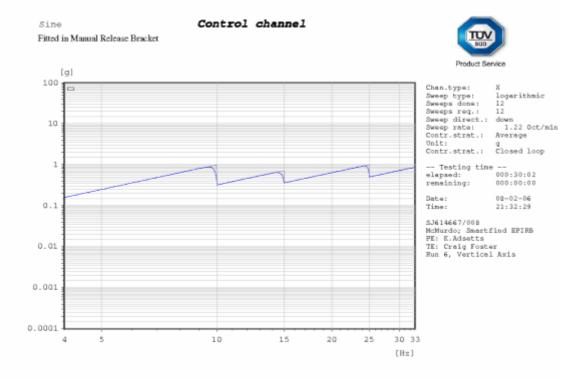
#### 2.4.2 Vibration Plots





#### 2.4.2 Vibration Plots







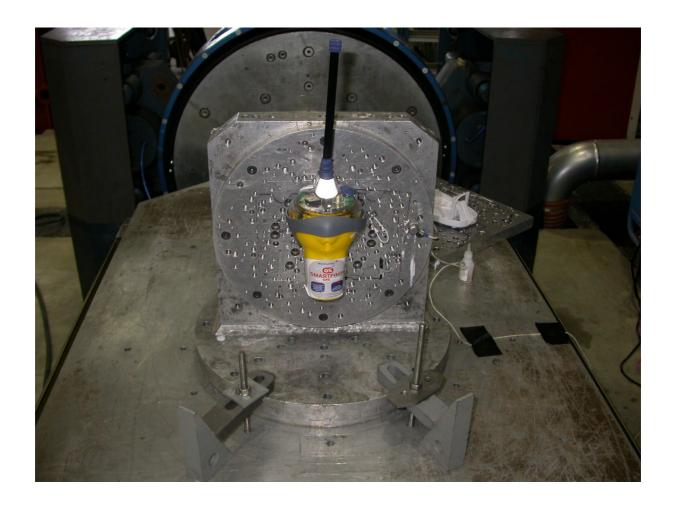
# 2.4.3 Set-up Photographs



Photograph showing Vibration Test Set-up in Float Free Enclosure



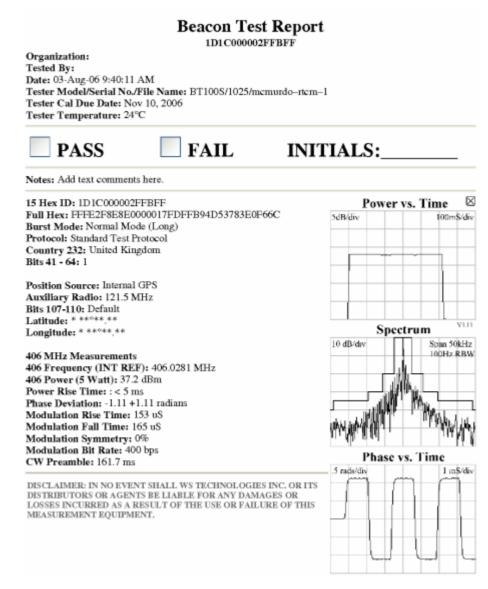
# 2.4.3 Set-up Photographs



Photograph showing Vibration Test Set-up in Manual Release Bracket



#### 2.4.4 Test Results



Beacon Test Report following Vibration Tests

#### 2.5 BUMP TEST



# 2.5.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 6.0)

# 2.5.2 Set-up Photographs



Photograph showing Ruggedness Test Set-up in Float Free Enclosure



## 2.5 BUMP TEST

# 2.5.2 Set-up Photographs



Photograph showing Ruggedness Test Set-up in Manual Release Bracket



#### 2.5 BUMP TEST

#### 2.5.3 Test Results

# Beacon Test Report

1D1C000002FFBFF

Organization: Tested By:

Date: 03-Aug-06 9:41:51 AM

Tester Model/Serial No./File Name: BT100S/1025/mcmurdo-rtcm-3

Tester Cal Due Date: Nov 10, 2006

Tester Temperature: 26°C



PASS



**INITIALS:** 

Notes: Add text comments here.

15 Hex ID: 1D1C000002FFBFF

Full Hex: FFFE2F8E8E0000017FDFFB94D53783E0F66C

Burst Mode: Normal Mode (Long) Protocol: Standard Test Protocol Country 232: United Kingdom

Bits 41 - 64: 1

Position Source: Internal GPS Auxiliary Radio: 121.5 MHz

Bits 107-110: Default Latitude: \* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Longitude: \* \*\*\*\*\*

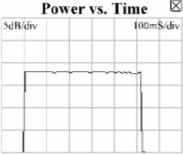
406 MHz Measurements

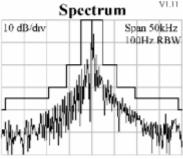
406 Frequency (INT REF): 406.0281 MHz

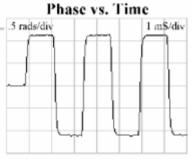
406 Power (5 Watt): 37.3 dBm Power Rise Time: : < 5 ms

Phase Deviation: -1.1 +1.11 radians Modulation Rise Time: 142 uS Modulation Fall Time: 153 uS Modulation Symmetry: 0% Modulation Bit Rate: 400 bps CW Preamble: 161.4 ms

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### 2.6.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 7.0)

### 2.6.2 Set-up Photographs



Photograph showing EUT in Float Free Mounting in Salt Fog Chamber



# 2.6.2 Set-up Photographs

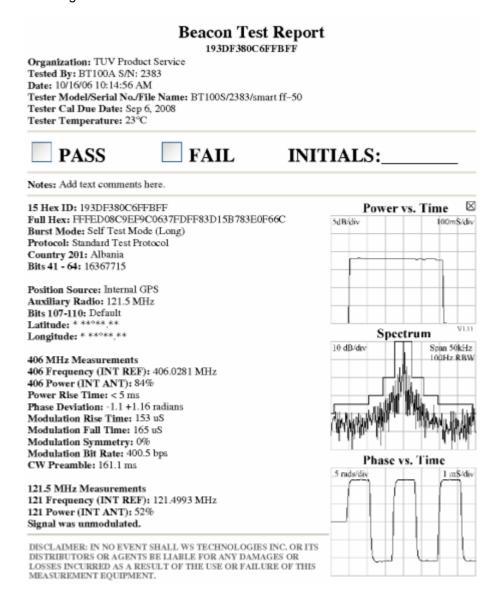


Photograph showing EUT in Manual Mounting in Salt Fog Chamber



#### 2.6.3 Test Results

**Note:** The Beacons supplied for the Salt Fog test were fitted with antennas rather than a 50 ohm termination. The Aliveness Test was performed, pre and post test, utilising radiated signals to a WS Technologies Inc BT100S Beacon Tester.



EUT in Float Free Mounting - Pre-test Beacon Test Report



#### 2.6.3 Test Results

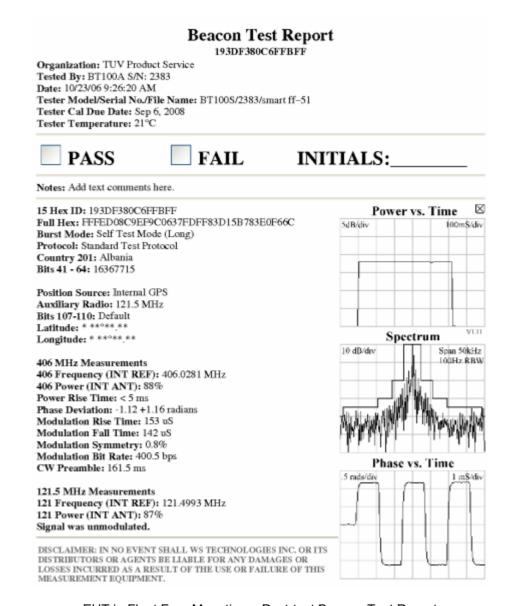
#### Beacon Test Report 193DF380C6FFBFF Organization: TUV Product Service Tested By: BT100A S/N: 2383 Date: 10/16/06 10:10:31 AM Tester Model/Serial No./File Name: BT100S/2383/smart gps-49 Tester Cal Due Date: Sep 6, 2008 Tester Temperature: 22°C PASS FAIL INITIALS: Notes: Add text comments here. $\boxtimes$ 15 Hex ID: 193DF380C6FFBFF Power vs. Time Full Hex: FFFED08C9EF9C0637FDFF83D15B783E0F66C SdB/div :\$/div Burst Mode: Self Test Mode (Long) Protocol: Standard Test Protocol Country 201: Albania Bits 41 - 64: 16367715 Position Source: Internal GPS Auxiliary Radio: 121.5 MHz Bits 107-110: Default Latitude: \* \*\*\*\*\*. Spectrum Longitude: \* \*\*\*\*\* \*\* Span 50kHz 406 MHz Measurements 100Hz RBW 406 Frequency (INT REF): 406.0279 MHz 406 Power (INT ANT): 86% Power Rise Time: < 5 ms Phase Deviation: -1.06 +1.08 radians Modulation Rise Time: 153 uS Modulation Fall Time: 153 uS Modulation Symmetry: 0% Modulation Bit Rate: 399.7 bps CW Preamble: 161.8 ms 5 rads/div 121.5 MHz Measurements 121 Frequency (INT REF): 121.5001 MHz 121 Power (INT ANT): 40% Sweep Direction: Downwards Audio Frequency: Out of Range Sweep Range: Out of Range Sweep rep Rate: Out of Range Modulation Factor: 51 % Duty Cycle: 63 %

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<u>EUT in Manual Mounting – Pre-test Beacon Test Report</u>



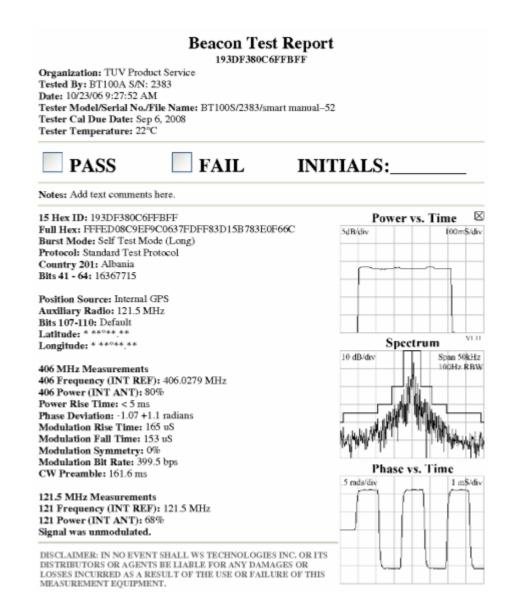
#### 2.6.3 Test Results



EUT in Float Free Mounting – Post-test Beacon Test Report



#### 2.6.3 Test Results



EUT in Manual Mounting - Post-test Beacon Test Report

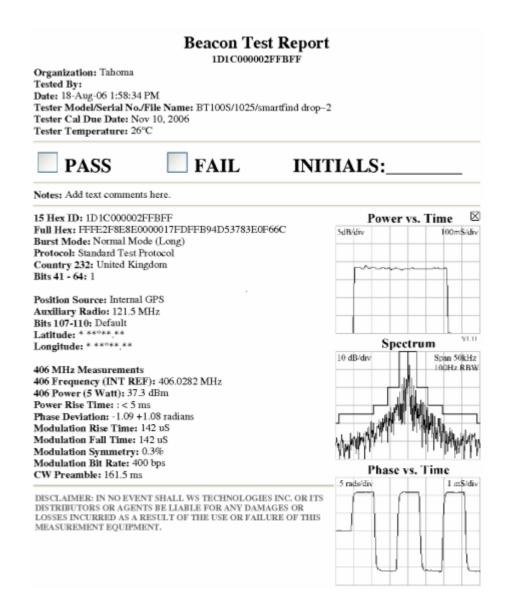


### 2.7A DROP TEST (On Hard Surface)

#### 2.7A.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 8.1)

#### 2.7A.2 Test Results



Beacon Test Report following Drop test on to hard surface



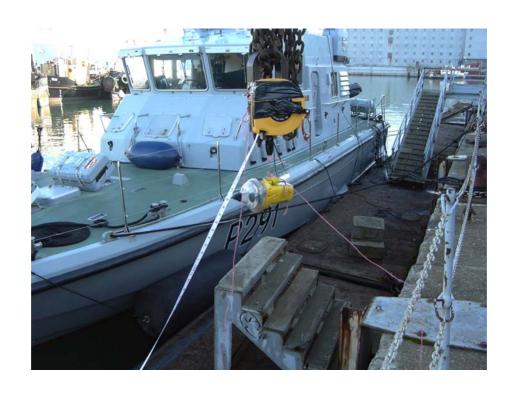
# 2.7B DROP TEST (In Water)

## 2.7B.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 8.2)

# 2.7B.2 Test Photographs

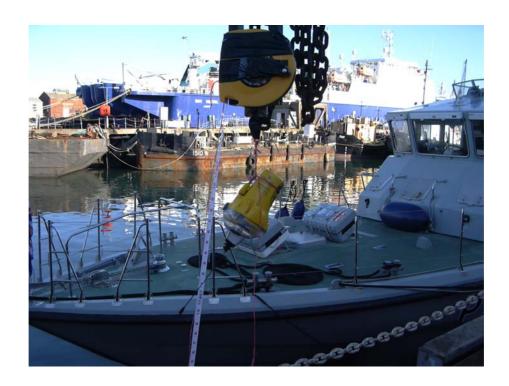






# 2.7B DROP TEST (In Water)

# 2.7B.2 Test Photographs

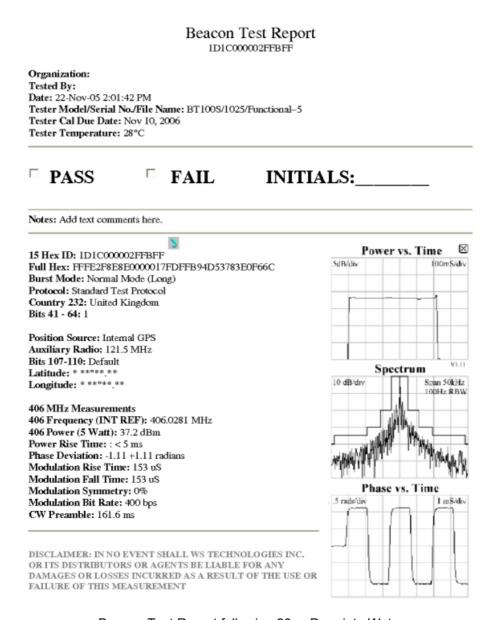






### 2.7B DROP TEST (In Water)

#### 2.7B.3 Test Results



Beacon Test Report following 20 m Drop into Water



#### 2.8 LEAKAGE AND IMMERSION TEST

#### 2.8.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77: A7.0

#### 2.8.2 Test Results

The EUT was installed into chamber at 65°C for minimum of 1 hour, EUT removed from the chamber at +65°C and immediately immersed into water at approx +20°C. After a period of 63 hours the EUT was submerged under water in a pressure vessel and subjected to simulated pressure of 10 metres (15psig) for a period of 5 minutes.

After the test it was observed that the red and green lights were ON. The cover was removed - no water ingress was observed. It was thought that the battery might be flat, due to 63 hour immersion. The batteries were replaced and correct function observed.

#### Beacon Test Report 1D1C000002FFBFF Organization: Tested By: Date: 09-Dec-05 12:19:55 AM Tester Model/Serial No./File Name: BT100S/1025/Functional-6 Tester Cal Due Date: Nov 10, 2006 Tester Temperature: 27°C □ PASS FAIL INITIALS: Notes: Add text comments here × Power vs. Time 15 Hex ID: 1D1C000002FFBFF SdBádio Full Hex: FFFE2F8E8E0000017FDFFB94D53783E0F66C Burst Mode: Normal Mode (Long) Protocol: Standard Test Protocol Country 232: United Kingdom Bits 41 - 64: 1 Position Source: Internal GPS Auxiliary Radio: 121.5 MHz Bits 107-110: Default Spectrum Latitude: \* \*\*\*\*\*.\*\* Longitude: \* \*\*\*\*\* 10 dB/de 406 MHz Measurements 406 Frequency (INT REF): 406.0281 MHz 406 Power (5 Watt): 37.2 dBm Power Rise Time: : < 5 ms Phase Deviation: -1.11 +1.11 radians Modulation Rise Time: 142 uS Modulation Fall Time: 153 uS Modulation Symmetry: 0.3% Modulation Bit Rate: 400 bps CW Preamble: 161.3 ms DISCLAIMER: IN NO EVENT SHALL WS TECHNOLOGIES INC. OR ITS DISTRIBUTORS OR AGENTS BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE USE OR FAILURE OF THIS MEASUREMENT

Beacon Test Report following Leakage and Immersion Test

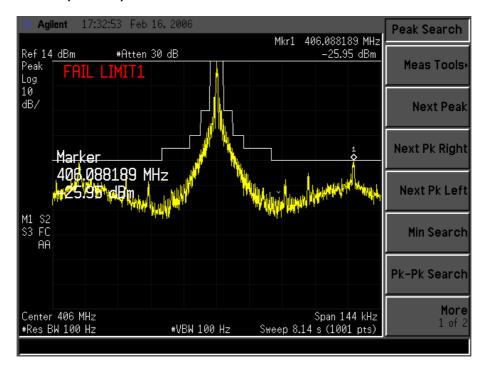


#### 2.9 SPURIOUS EMISSIONS TEST

#### 2.9.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 10.0)

### 2.9.2 Test Results (406MHz)



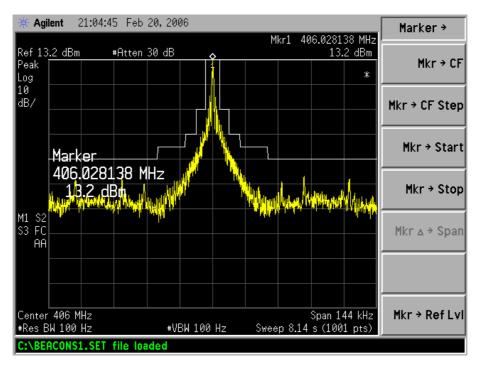
Plot showing 406MHz Spurious Emissions at Ambient Temperature

Note: From the reference level (peak power) of +14.00 dBm, the relative limit of -40.00 dBc occurring at 406.088189 MHz gives an equivalent limit of -26.00 dBm, the recorded level of -25.95 is a pass within measurement uncertainty

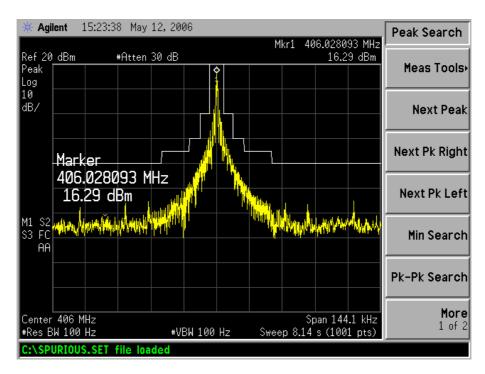


#### 2.9 SPURIOUS EMISSIONS TEST

### 2.9.2 Test Results (406MHz)



Plot showing 406MHz Spurious Emissions at High Temperature (+55°C)

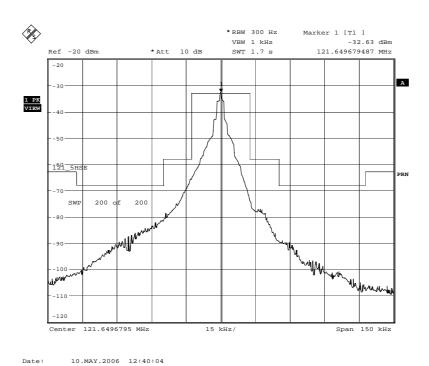


Plot showing 406MHz Spurious Emissions at Low Temperature (-20°C)

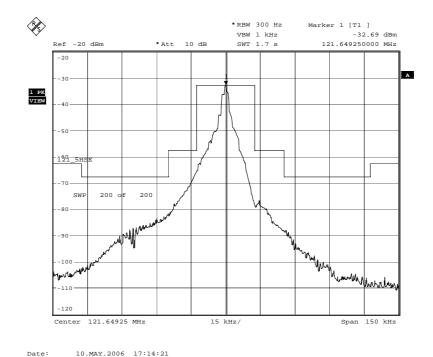


#### 2.9 SPURIOUS EMISSIONS TEST

## 2.9.3 Test Results (121.5MHz)



Plot showing 121.5MHz Spurious Emissions at Ambient Temperature

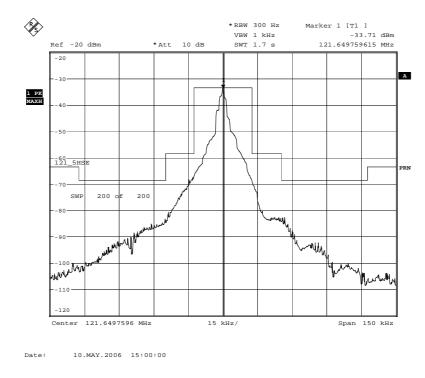


Plot showing 121.5MHz Spurious Emissions at High Temperature (+55°C)



### 2.10 SPURIOUS EMISSIONS TEST

### 2.10.3 Test Results (121.5MHz)



Plot showing 121.5MHz Spurious Emissions at Low Temperature (-20°C)

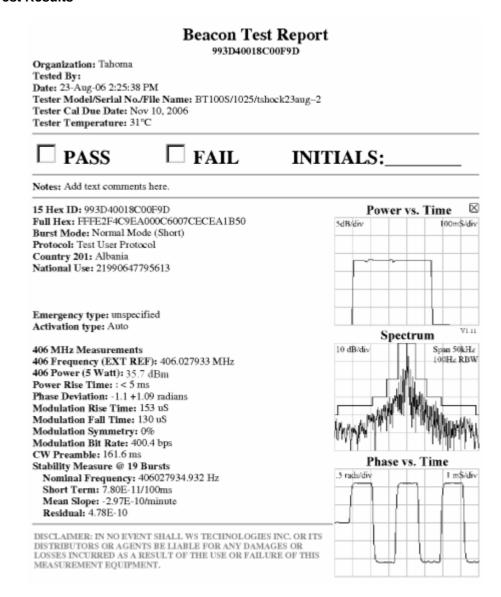


#### 2.10 THERMAL SHOCK TEST

#### 2.10.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 11.0)

#### 2.10.1 Test Results

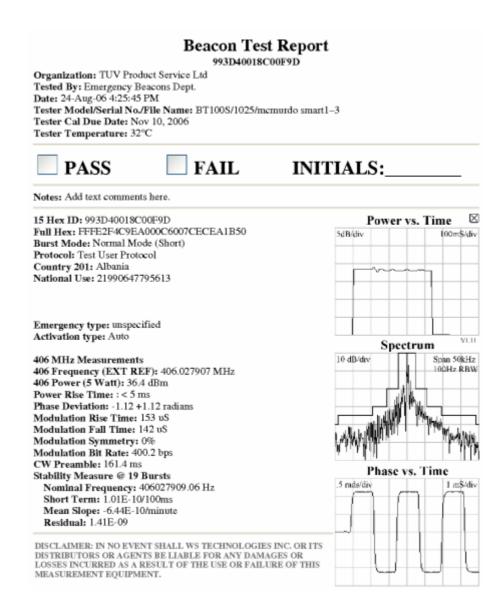


Beacon Test Report Cold Test Salt Water



#### 2.10 THERMAL SHOCK TEST

#### 2.10.1 Test Results



Beacon Test Report Hot Test Salt Water

### COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE



- 2.11 COSPAS-SARSAT TYPE APPROVAL
- 2.11.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 12.0)

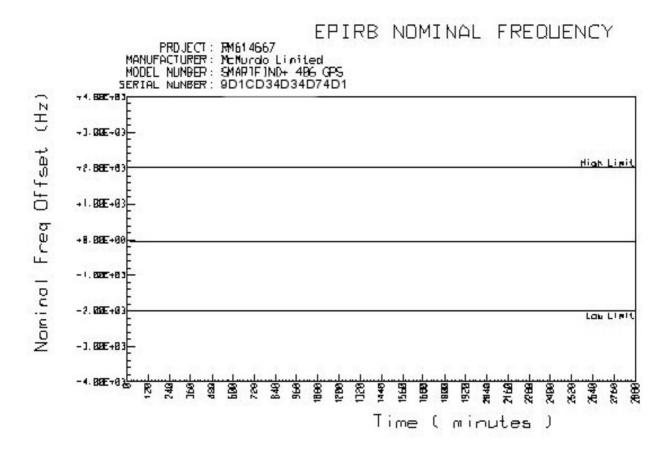
2.11.2 Refer to C/S Certificate/report



#### 2.12.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77: A 13.0

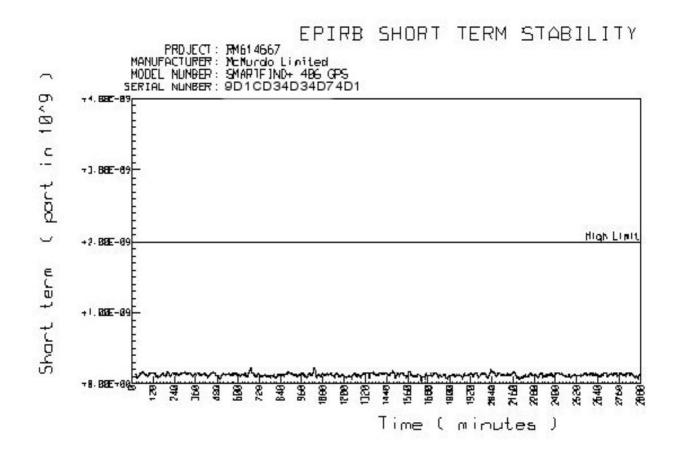
#### 2.12.2 Test Results



Operating Lifetime at Minimum Temperature - Nominal Frequency



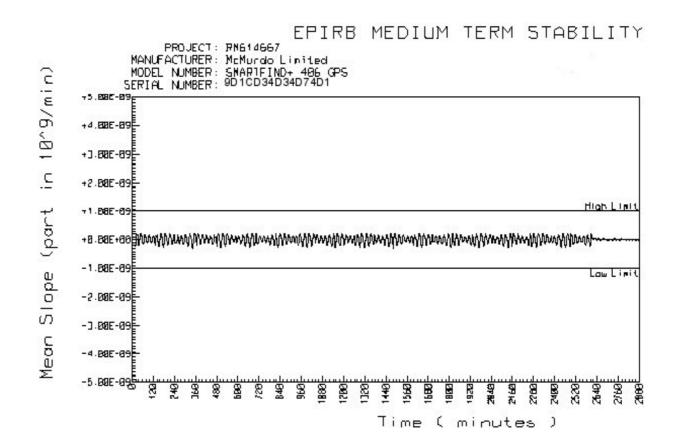
### 2.12.2 Test Results



Operating Lifetime at Minimum Temperature - Short Term Stability



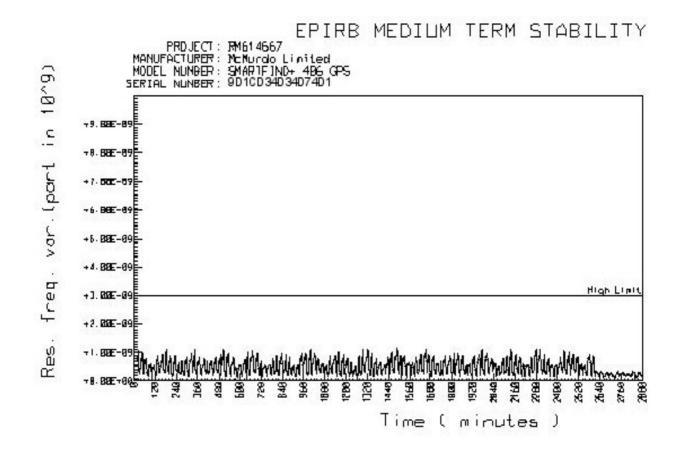
#### 2.12.2 Test Results



Operating Lifetime at Minimum Temperature - Medium Term Stability, Mean Slope



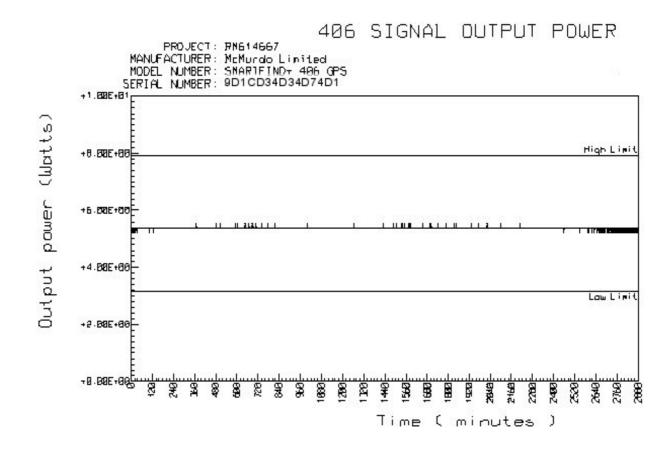
#### 2.12.2 Test Results



Operating Lifetime at Minimum Temperature - Medium Term Stability, Residual Frequency Variation



#### 2.12.2 Test Results



Operating Lifetime at Minimum Temperature - Output Power



#### 2.12.3 **Battery Current Measurement Results**

#### **Battery Discharge Current**

The discharge current for the batteries was measured for each of the following beacon states.

Beacon in the Off or Standby State, "Standby Current"

Beacon performing a Self-test, "Self-test Current" and a GPS self-test, "GPS test Current"

Beacon activated and transmitting, "Operating Current"

The individual tests were conducted for the following durations:

Standby Current : 30 minutes (1799950 ms) Self-test Current : 15 seconds (14990 ms)
GPS test Current : 15 minutes (899950 ms)
Operating Current : 30 minutes (1799950 ms)

#### Assumptions / Supplied Data

Battery Replacement Interval : 12 years effective (Interval, 6 years x Safety factor, 2)

Battery Capacity : 3.06 Ah
Battery Self Drain : 1.00 % per year
Self-test Interval : 12 tests per year GPS Tests limited to : 10 tests per battery

#### Test Results

Mode Current = Accumulated Charge / Time

Standby Current = 39797224.5 pC / 1799950 ms = 22.11 nA Self-test Current = 1153936.8 uC / 14990 ms = 76.98 mA GPS test Current = 53756124.7 uC / 899950 ms = 59.73 mA Operating Current = 129613345.8 uC / 1799950 ms = 72.01 mA

#### Battery Preconditioning / Discharge Time Calculations

Battery Self Drain = Capacity - [(100% - Self Drain/Year%) Replacement Interval x Capacity]

=  $3.06 - ((1 - 0.0100)^{12} \times 3.06) = 0.3477 \text{ Ah}$ 

= Hours per year x Battery Replacement Interval x Standby Current Standby Drain

=  $365 \times 24 \times 12 \times 22.11 \times 10^{-9} = 0.0023 \text{ Ah}$ 

Self-test Drain = Self-tests per battery x Self-test Current x Self-test duration (in hours)

= 12 x 12 x 76.98 x  $10^{-3}$  x (15 / 3600) = 0.0462 Ah

GPS Test Drain = GPS Tests per battery x GPS test Current x GPS test duration (in hours)

=  $10 \times 59.73 \times 10^{-3} \times (15 / 60) = 0.1493 \text{ Ah}$ 

= Self Drain + Standby Drain + Self-test Drain + GPS Test Drain Total Drain

= 0.3477 + 0.0023 + 0.0462 + 0.1493 = 0.5455 Ah

Battery Preconditioning / Discharge Time = Worst Case drain / Operational Current

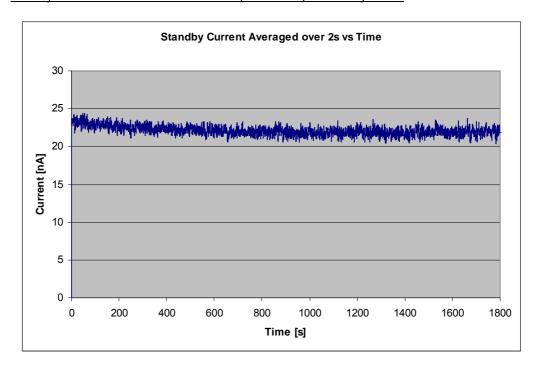
 $= 0.5455 / (72.01 \times 10^{-3})$ 

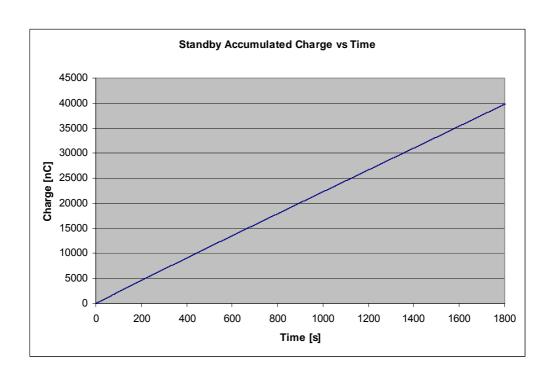
= 7.57 hours



### 2.12.3 Battery Current Measurement Results

Battery Current Measurement Results (continued) - Standby Mode

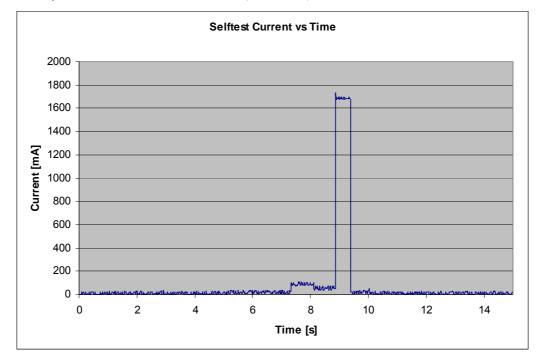


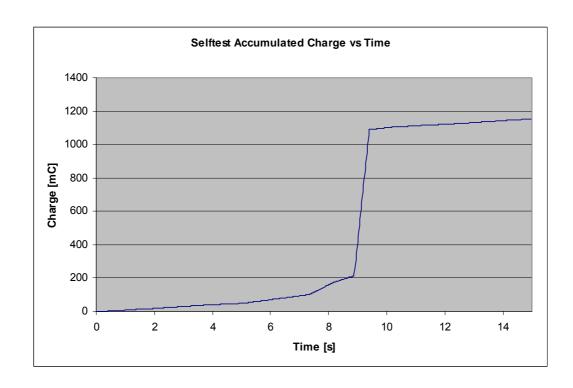




### 2.12.3 Battery Current Measurement Results

Battery Current Measurement Results (continued) - Selftest Mode



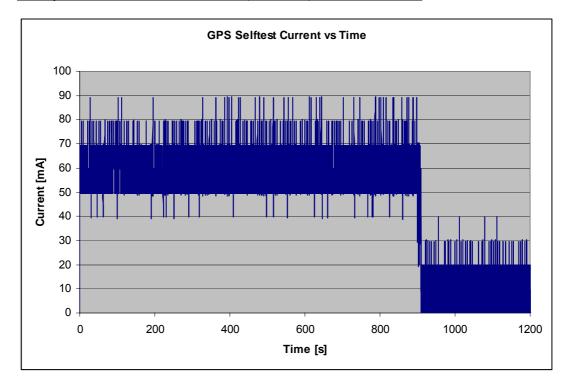


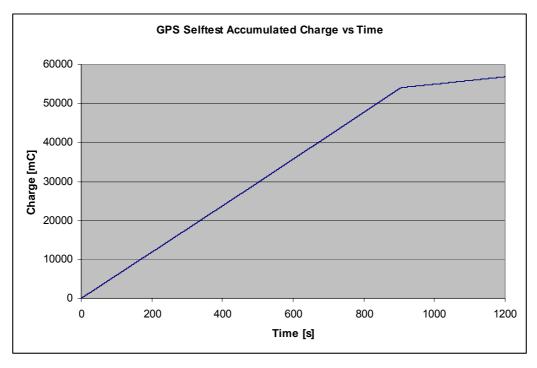
### 2.12 OPERATIONAL LIFE, STROBE LIGHT AND SELF TESTS



### 2.12.3 Battery Current Measurement Results

### Battery Current Measurement Results (continued) - GPS Test Mode



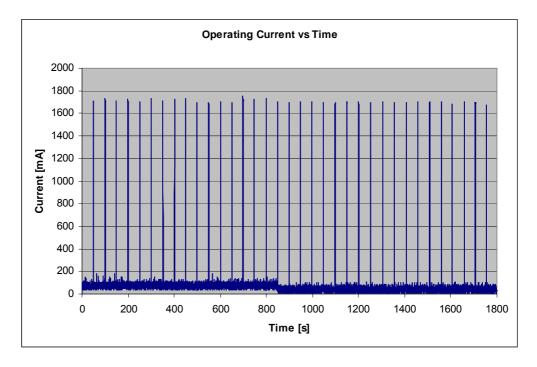


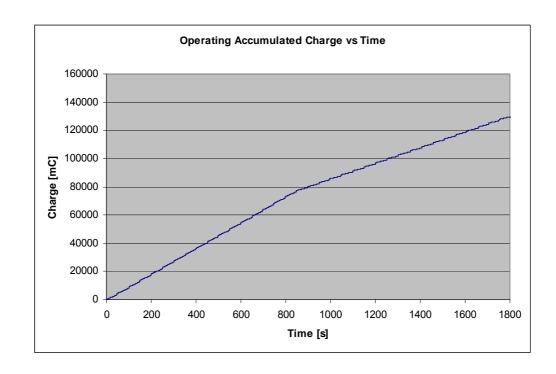


### 2.6 OPERATING LIFETIME AT MINIMUM TEMPERATURE

### 2.6.1 Battery Current Measurement Results

### Battery Current Measurement Results (continued) - Operational Mode





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### 2.13 STROBE LIGHT TEST

### 2.13.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77: (A 13.2)

### 2.13.2 Test Results

|                                  | -20°C | Ambient | +55°C |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Measured temperature (°C)        | -19.2 | +23.9   | +54.5 |
| Flashes per minute               | 21.2  | 21.0    | 21.2  |
| Effective light output (Candela) | 1.37  | 1.27    | 1.18  |

Note: The flash duration was recorded as 10ms.

The light was activated concurrently with the satellite EPIRB, began flashing within 10 seconds and operated for at least 48 hours (Verified during Operational Life test)

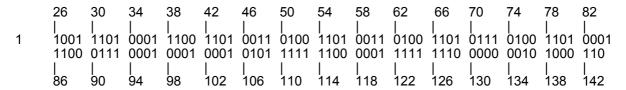


#### 2.14 SELF TEST

#### 2.14.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 13.3)

### 2.14.1 Decoded Message



| FIELD NAME    | BIT POS | VALUE | DECODE       | BITS                          |
|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|               |         |       |              |                               |
| FORMAT FLAG   | 25      | 1     | LONG MESSAGE | 1                             |
| PROTOCOL FLAG | 26      | 1     | USER         | 1                             |
| MID           | 27- 36  | 232   | G BRITAIN    | 0011 1010 00                  |
| USER PROTOCOL | 37- 39  | 7     | TĒST         | 111                           |
| SPARE         | 40- 63  |       |              | 0011 0100 1101 0011 0100 1101 |
| SPARE         | 64- 83  |       |              | 0011 0101 1101 0011 0100      |
| HOMING        | 84- 85  | 1     | 121.5        | 01                            |
| BCH ENCODED   | 86-106  |       | ERRORS=0     | 1100 0111 0001 0001 0001 0    |
| BCH GENERATED | 86-106  |       |              | 1100 0111 0001 0001 0001 0    |
| SPARE         | 107-126 |       |              | 1011 1111 1000 0011 1111      |
| SPARE         | 127-144 |       |              | 1100 0000 0101 0001 10        |

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### 2.15 AUTOMATIC RELEASE MECHANISM TEST

### 2.15.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 14.1)

2.15.2 REFER TO QINETIQ TEST CERTIFICATE ANNEX A

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#### 2.16 STABILITY AND BUOYANCY TEST

#### 2.16.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 15.0)

#### 2.16.2 Test Results

With the antenna deployed in its normal operating position, the G5/E5 (Smartfind) 406MHz

EPIRB,

rotated to a horizontal position about any axis and submerged in fresh water, passed through an upright position within 2 s of release.

Following release the G5/E5 (Smartfind) 406MHz EPIRB floated in an upright position with the base of the antenna a minimum of 40 mm above the water-line.

The reserve buoyancy of the G5/E5 (Smartfind) 406MHz EPIRB was determined by dividing the buoyant force by the weight of the unit:

Weight of Unit = 0.596kg

Buoyant force of submerged unit = 0.35kg

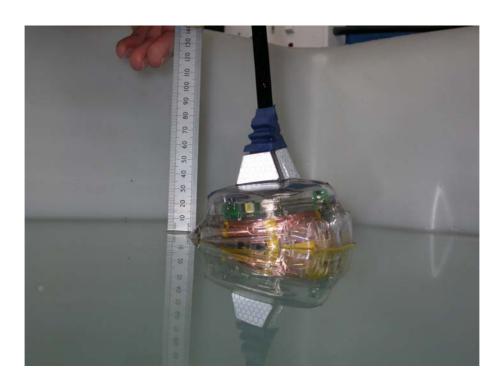
Buoyant Force/ Weight of Unit = Reserve Buoyancy

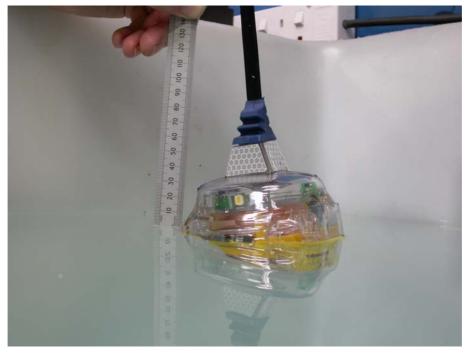
0.350kg/0.596kg = 58.7%



### 2.16 STABILITY AND BOUYANCY

### 2.16.2 Test Results





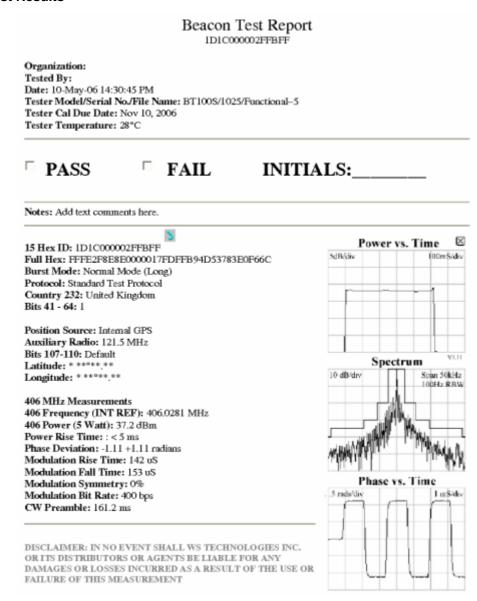


#### 2.17 INADVERTENT ACTIVATION

#### 2.17.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 16.0)

#### 2.17.2 Test Results



Beacon Test Report following Inadvertent Activation Test



### 2.18 AUXILIARY RADIO-LOCATING DEVICE TRANSMITTER TEST

### 2.18.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 17.0)

### **2.18.2 CARRIER FREQUENCY** (Clause A17.1)

Test Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Ambient Temperature 20°C Relative Humidity 56%

| TEST CONDITIONS              | FREQUENCY ERROR (kHz) |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
|                              | 121.500 MHz*          |  |
| T <sub>nom</sub> (+20°C)     | (ref)                 |  |
| T <sub>min</sub> (-20°C)     | +0.081                |  |
| T <sub>max</sub> (55°C)      | -0.429                |  |
| Maximum freq. Error (ppm)    | -3.53                 |  |
| Measurement uncertainty (Hz) | ± 46 Hz               |  |

#### Remarks

### 2.18.3 TRANSMITTER DUTY CYCLE (Clause A17.2.1)

Test Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Ambient Temperature 20°C Relative Humidity 56%

| TRANSMITTER DUTY CYCLE   | RESULT (%)  |  |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|
|                          | 121.500 MHz |  |
| T <sub>nom</sub> (+20°C) | 99.05       |  |
| T <sub>min</sub> (-20°C) | 99.08       |  |
| T <sub>max</sub> (+55°C) | 98.91       |  |
| MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY  | ± 5 %       |  |

| Does the carrier transmit continuously e | except for a peri | iod of up to 2 secor | nds during the 406MHz |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| transmission?                            |                   |                      |                       |

Yes [ ✓ ] No [ ]

<sup>\*</sup>The homing device operating frequency was offset to prevent false emergency alert.



### 2.18 AUXILIARY RADIO-LOCATING DEVICE TRANSMITTER TEST

### 2.18.4 MODULATION FREQUENCY AND SWEEP REPETITION RATE (Clause A17.2.2)

Test Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Ambient Temperature 18°C Relative Humidity 53%

| TEST CONDITIONS          | MODULATION PARAMETERS   |             |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| T <sub>nom</sub> (+18°C) | Sweep Direction         | Downward    |
|                          | Minimum Audio Frequency | 339.4 Hz    |
|                          | Maximum Audio Frequency | 1488.0 Hz   |
|                          | Audio Frequency Range   | 1148.6 Hz   |
|                          | Sweep Repetition Rate   | 3.005 Hz    |
| T <sub>min</sub> (-20°C) | Sweep Direction         | Downward    |
|                          | Minimum Audio Frequency | 339.0 Hz    |
|                          | Maximum Audio Frequency | 1481.0 Hz   |
|                          | Audio Frequency Range   | 1142.0 Hz   |
|                          | Sweep Repetition Rate   | 3.000 Hz    |
| T <sub>max</sub> (+55°C) | Sweep Direction         | Downward    |
|                          | Minimum Audio Frequency | 339.6 Hz    |
|                          | Maximum Audio Frequency | 1486.0 Hz   |
|                          | Audio Frequency Range   | 1146.4 Hz   |
|                          | Sweep Repetition Rate   | 3.002 Hz    |
| Measurement uncertainty  | Minimum Audio Frequency | ± 22.4 Hz   |
|                          | Maximum Audio Frequency | ± 121.56 Hz |
|                          | Audio Frequency Range   | ± 123.6 Hz  |
|                          | Sweep Repetition Rate   | ± 5 %       |

| Minimum Audio Frequency | ≥ 300 Hz  |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Maximum Audio Frequency | ≥ 1600 Hz |
| Audio Frequency Range   | ≥ 700 Hz  |

| Sweep Repetition Rate | 2 to 4 Hz |
|-----------------------|-----------|

### Test Equipment Used

The major items of test equipment used for the above tests are identified in Section 3.1.



## 2.18 AUXILIARY RADIO-LOCATING DEVICE TRANSMITTER TEST

# 2.18.5 MODULATION DUTY CYCLE (Clause A17.2.3)

Test Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Ambient Temperature 18°C Relative Humidity 53%

| PARAMETER               | RESULT (%)          |      |      |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------|------|
|                         | 121.500 MHz         |      |      |
|                         | -20°C Ambient +55°C |      |      |
| Modulation Duty Cycle   | 39.3                | 42.5 | 42.8 |
| MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY | ± 5 %               |      |      |

# 2.18.6 MODULATION FACTOR (Clause A17.2.4)

Test Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Ambient Temperature 18°C Relative Humidity 53%

| PARAMETER               | RESULT (%)          |       |       |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|
|                         | 121.500 MHz         |       |       |
|                         | -20°C Ambient +55°C |       |       |
| Modulation Factor       | 0.961               | 0.968 | 0.963 |
| MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY | ± 5 %               |       |       |

# 2.18.7 FREQUENCY COHERENCE (Clause A17.2.5)

Test Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006

Ambient Temperature 21°C Relative Humidity 42%

| PARAMETER                                | RESULT (Hz) |         |        |
|--|-------------|---------|--------|
|  | 121.500 MHz |         |        |
|  | -20°C       | Ambient | +55°C  |
| Bandwidth Occupied by 30% of Total Power | 7.85        | 8.65    | 8.65   |
| Frequency Coherence                      | -3.85       | -23.40  | -10.42 |
| MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY                  | ± 5 %       |         |        |



# 2.18 AUXILIARY RADIO-LOCATING DEVICE TRANSMITTER TEST

# 2.18.8 PEAK EFFECTIVE RADIATED POWER (PERP) (Clause A17.3)

Test Date: 31st May 2006

Ambient Temperature 21°C Relative Humidity 55%

| Angle of Rotation (°)   | PERP (dBm) |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 0                       | 15.6       |
| 30                      | 15.5       |
| 60                      | 15.4       |
| 90                      | 15.6       |
| 120                     | 15.4       |
| 150                     | 15.4       |
| 180                     | 15.4       |
| 210                     | 15.2       |
| 240                     | 15.4       |
| 270                     | 15.4       |
| 300                     | 15.5       |
| 330                     | 15.6       |
| Measurement Uncertainty | ± 5.1dB    |

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| PERP                     | +17dBm ± 3dB |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Maximum to minimum ratio | ≤ 6 dB       |

# Remarks

The elevation angle producing the maximum gain was 10°.

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# 2.19 HUMIDITY TEST

# 2.19.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 18.0)

Not applicable

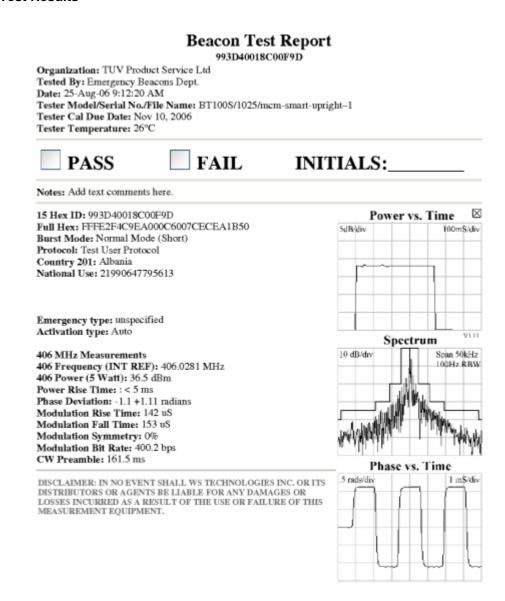


#### 2.20 ORIENTATION TEST

#### 2.20.1 Specification Reference

RCTM Paper 77 (A 19.0

#### 2.20.2 Test Results

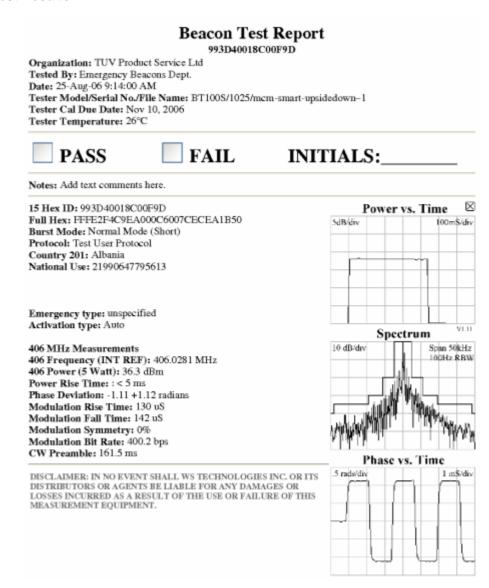


Beacon Test Report - Beacon Upright



#### 2.20 ORIENTATION TEST

#### 2.20.2 Test Results

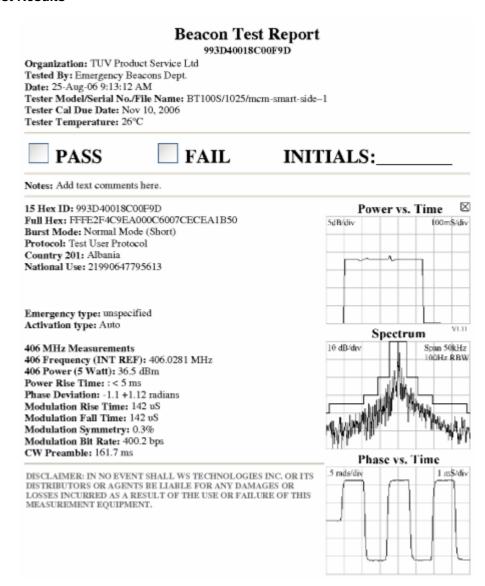


Beacon Test Report - Beacon Upside-down



#### 2.20 ORIENTATION TEST

#### 2.20.2 Test Results



Beacon Test Report - Beacon Horizontal



# **SECTION 3**

**TEST EQUIPMENT** 



# 3.1 TEST EQUIPMENT

List of absolute measuring and other principal items of test equipment.

| Instrument                              | Manufacturer     | Type No     | TE<br>Number | Calibration<br>Due |  |  |
|---|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Section 2.2 Climatic - High Temperature |                  |             |              |                    |  |  |
| Temperature Chamber                     | Instron          | 906         | 2128         | 26/12/2006         |  |  |
| Chamber                                 | Climatec         | CLIMATEC 3  | 2846         | 29/09/2006         |  |  |
| Section 2.3 Climatic - Humidi           | ty               |             |              |                    |  |  |
| Chamber                                 | Climatec         | CLIMATEC 2  | 2845         | 23/08/2006         |  |  |
| Section 2.4 Vibration - Sine            |                  |             |              |                    |  |  |
| Charge Amplifier                        | Endevco          | 133         | 2503         | 13/06/2006         |  |  |
| Charge Amplifier                        | Endevco          | 133         | 2505         | 27/04/2007         |  |  |
| Vibration Controller                    | Hewlett Packard  | VCP9000     | 2508         | 05/12/2006         |  |  |
| Vibration Controller                    | Muller & Partner | NT VX1      | 2509         | 13/03/2007         |  |  |
| LDS 824 Vibration System                | Ling             | MPA16/824   | 2514         | 07/09/2006         |  |  |
| 964 Vibration System                    | Ling             | LAS V964    | 2515         | 27/11/2006         |  |  |
| Accelerometer                           | Endevco          | 7254A-10    | 2521         | 03/09/2006         |  |  |
| Accelerometer                           | Endevco          | 7254A-10    | 2523         | 18/02/2007         |  |  |
| Accelerometer                           | Endevco          | 7254A-10    | 2537         | 18/02/2007         |  |  |
| Accelerometer                           | Endevco          | 256-10      | 2582         | 03/09/2006         |  |  |
| Accelerometer                           | Endevco          | 256-10      | 2583         | 03/09/2006         |  |  |
| Section 2.8 Climatic - Wet Te           | sts              |             |              |                    |  |  |
| Thermocouple                            | Global           | T-Type      | 1504         | 27/08/2006         |  |  |
| Over Pressure (T)                       | ASL (T\V)        | 0 TO 15 PSI | 2125         | Class 1 (Int)      |  |  |
| Pressure Sensor                         | Druck            | RPT301      | 2345         | 07/10/2006         |  |  |
| Data Logging Thermometer                | Digitron         | 2098T       | 2348         | 14/09/2006         |  |  |
| Tape Measure                            | Stanley          |             | 2363         | TU                 |  |  |
| Water Jet Nozzle                        | Pasternack       | 12.5mm DIA  | 2453         | 07/07/2007         |  |  |
| Temperature Logger                      | Digitron         | 2098T       | 2479         | 08/02/2007         |  |  |
| Hygromer                                | Rotronic         | A1          | 2677         | 08/12/2006         |  |  |
| Chamber                                 | Climatec         | CLIMATEC 3  | 2846         | 29/09/2006         |  |  |



# 3.1 TEST EQUIPMENT

| Section 2.12 Beacons - Operating Lifetime |                     |                    |      |               |  |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|------|---------------|--|
| Climatic Chamber                          | Heraeus Votsch      | VMT 04/30          | 40   | O/P Mon       |  |
| Power Meter                               | Hewlett Packard     | 436A               | 47   | 21/06/2007    |  |
| Climatic Chamber                          | Heraeus Votsch      | VM 04/100          | 85   | O/P Mon       |  |
| Frequency -Time Analyser                  | Hewlett Packard     | 5372A              | 93   | 27/07/2006    |  |
| Signal Generator                          | Hewlett Packard     | 8644A              | 96   | 17/12/2006    |  |
| Time Interval Analyser                    | Yokogawa            | TA720              | 181  | 17/11/2006    |  |
| Oscilloscope                              | Gould               | 840                | 182  | 31/01/2007    |  |
| Digital Temperature Indicator             | Fluke               | 51                 | 412  | 21/09/2006    |  |
| Attenuator 10dB/10W)                      | Trilithic           | HFP-50N            | 454  | 05/08/2006    |  |
| Attenuator: 10dB/20W                      | Narda               | 766-10             | 480  | 21/12/2006    |  |
| Attenuator (10dB)                         | Weinschel           | 47-10-34           | 481  | 21/12/2006    |  |
| Signal Generator                          | Hewlett Packard     | 8663A              | 1172 | 23/08/2006    |  |
| Broad Band Filter                         | Texscan             | 8BC-372-186-BB     | 1246 | TU            |  |
| Power Sensor                              | Hewlett Packard     | 8482A              | 1341 | 19/09/2006    |  |
| Attenuator:10dB/10W                       | Trilithic           | HFP-50N            | 1377 | 11/07/2006    |  |
| Broadband Filter                          | Texscan             | 8BC-372-186-BB     | 2281 | TU            |  |
| Data Logger                               | Pico Technology Ltd | ADC-42             | 2395 | 21/09/2006    |  |
| 1m N(m) -N(m) Cable                       | Reynolds            | 269-0088-1000      | 2396 | 21/07/2006    |  |
| 3m N(m) - N(m) RF Cable                   | Reynolds            | 269-008803000      | 2413 | 21/07/2006    |  |
| TERMINATION: 50ohm/15W                    | Radio Spares        | 612-192            | 2425 | 26/07/2006    |  |
| Distress Beacon RF Unit                   | TUV                 |                    | 2445 | TU            |  |
| Logic Analyser                            | Hewlett Packard     | 1631D              | 2757 | 28/06/2006    |  |
| 20dB/20W Attenuator                       | JFW                 | 50FHC-020-20       | 2774 | 18/02/2007    |  |
| Beacon RF Unit                            | TUV                 | N/A                | 3066 | TU            |  |
| 50ohm / 6W Termination                    | Micronde            | R404613            | 3074 | 18/02/2007    |  |
| 3dB/2W Attenuator                         | Hewlett Packard     | HP8491B            | 3075 | 18/02/2007    |  |
| Attenuator: 3dB/2W                        | Hewlett Packard     | HP8491B            | 3077 | 18/02/2007    |  |
| 1m N(m)-N(m) RF Cable                     | Reynolds            | 269-0088-1000 0201 | 3078 | Class 1 (Int) |  |
| 50ohm/ 1W Termination                     | Suhner              |                    | 3080 | 18/02/2007    |  |

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| 3dB/2W Attenuator | Hewlett Packard | HP8491B | 3082 | 28/07/2006 |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|------|------------|
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|------|------------|

# 3.1 TEST EQUIPMENT

| Section 2.10 Beacons - Spurious Emissions   |                 |              |      |            |  |
|---|-----------------|--------------|------|------------|--|
| Attenuator (3dB,10W)         Texscan         HFP-50N         475         05/08/2006 |                 |              |      |            |  |
| Spectrum Analyser   | Hewlett Packard | E4407B       | 1154 | 31/05/2007 |  |
| 20dB/20W Attenuator   | JFW             | 50FHC-020-20 | 2774 | 18/02/2007 |  |



# **SECTION 4**

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# **ANNEX A**

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## Protection against continuous transmission

The McMurdo Smartfind EPIRB is designed to limit any inadvertent 406.028MHz transmission to a maximum of 3 seconds under the worst case conditions.

Figure 1 is an extract from the Smartfind circuit diagram 82-830C issue 1. The PA\_ON line provides gate bias to the 406 PA FET Q6 via resistive network R32, R33 and R59, and also enables the PA regulator (not shown). This regulator supplies power to the drain of Q6 (Vpa). The PA\_ON line also supplies voltage to the gate of Q4 via the time constant R43 and C48. If the 406 PA is on for longer than a few seconds sufficient voltage will be developed across C48 to switch Q4 on. This will result in all the PA\_ON voltage being dropped across R44 and therefore removing the DC gate bias to Q6 and the shutting down the PA regulator (Vpa).

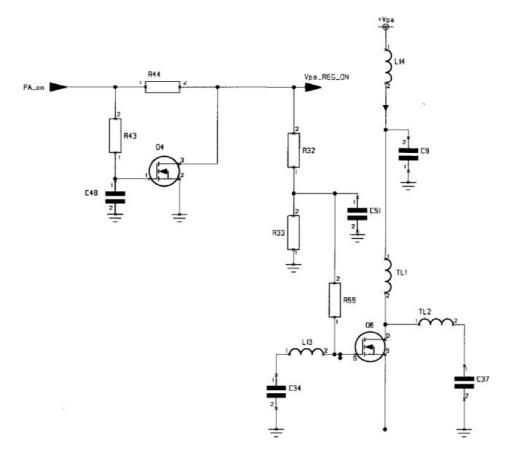


Figure 1

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# <u>Statement on protection against beacon degradation</u> due to internal navigation device failure

The internal GPS navigation device is an EZGPM01 12-channel module made by Eazix in the Philippines.

#### **Software protection:**

The positional data is sent from the GPS module in serial NMEA format. This data is checked for validity by examining the message field quality bit and calculated HDOP (Horizontal dilution of precision) figure. The quality bit is calculated by the GPS module to determine the quality of the position fix and requires three or more satellites with good signal to noise ratios. The HDOP figure is calculated from the relative geometry of the satellites used to determine the position fix. The smaller the figure the better the positional accuracy. The software rejects position fixes with a HDOP figure greater than 20.

With these checks in place it is considered unlikely that false position data could be encoded in the 406MHz message.

If no valid GPS data is available, the beacon will revert to transmitting default position data.

#### Hardware protection:

The serial NMEA data is input to the micro-controller, this input is only connected to the GPS module. If the Eazix GPS module fails in such a way to output incorrect logic levels, this input is protected by diodes from excessive voltage on the input.

The GPS module is not continuously powered in order to comply with the maximum positional update rate defined in C/S T.001. Hence in any one hour, at least 64 406MHz transmissions are made with the GPS module in-active.

The GPS module is supplied by P-channel logic level FET, which is enabled or disabled by a discrete control line from the microprocessor.

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# **G5 / Smartfind+ EPIRB**

# Statement on self-test

#### Standard self-test

The G5 is a 406.028MHz EPIRB operating with the Cospas-Sarsat satellite system. The G5 has a press and release self-test facility, which operates as follows.

- a) Power up the micro-controller, the CMAC oscillator and the GPS module.
- b) Generate one short CW burst at 121.5MHz, check the antenna RF level is above threshold.
- c) Activate the 406.028MHz PLL and check that it is locked.
- d) Generate an inverted frame 406.028MHz transmission. Check the antenna RF level is above threshold. (This also confirms the battery is capable of high current loads).
- e) Confirm the GPS receiver has output normal NMEA sentences. (do not wait for a fix).

The self-test completes within 9s. If all of the above checks prove true then the sounder will sound; the LED strobe light and also the RED and GREEN LEDs will all flash simultaneously. The number of flashes actually depends on the total accumulated battery use, as follows -

| Accumulated Battery Hours | Strobe / LED Flash Count Sounder<br>Beep Count |
|---------------------------|--|
| 0 to 4                    | 3  |
| 5 to 6                    | 2  |
| 6+                        | 1  |

#### Additional GPS long self-test

This feature can only be accessed at the end of a successful self-test operation. If the beacon's self-test button is held down for more than 15s after the LEDs begin flashing, the GPS long self-test mode will be entered. Holding the button for such a long time deliberately makes this test hard to initiate.

If the user attempts a GPS long self-test following a failed normal self-test, the software will not initiate the long self-test. In this case the software will release the power latch and sit idling until the user releases the self-test button. The time during which the button is held down will be accumulated by the battery lifetime timer and stored in non-volatile memory.

The long GPS test takes 15 minutes to complete. When the GPS reports a valid position, the green LED will be lit and the sounder will 'beep'. The strobe LED will flash a number of times to indicate how many unused GPS long self-tests remain in the unit. For example 9 flashes indicate there are 9 more long GPS tests remaining (a maximum of 10 are allowed).

The long GPS test can be exited by holding down the test button continuously for 5s.

## **Battery life counter**

The accumulated runtime of the beacon (both live and self-tests) is recorded by the micro-controller, thus giving an accurate indication of remaining battery life.

#### Repetitive self-test protection

Self tests are controlled by firmware which monitors the duration of TEST button presses, looking for firm and lengthy self test requests, thus avoiding accidental repetition of self tests.

Neil Jordan Electronics Engineer 8-5-06

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#### **Administrative Information**

Customer: Sales Ref 05/347

Customer Representative: Equipment under test:

**Build Standard:** Test specifications: **Test Limits** Test dates:

Modes of operation:

Test engineer:

Location of Testing: Test equipment used

Uncertainty of measurement

**TUV Product Services** 

for McMurdo Marine Ltd

Mr R Bradbeer

EPIRB in hydrostatic housing Declared as Production units RTCM EPIRB Standard, Test A14.0 Float Free at between 1 & 4 metre depth 24 March 2006, 5 May 2006 & 20 July 2006

EPIRB in standby condition

P J Goddard

Building A50, QinetiQ Farnborough. Centre for Human science's Plunge Pool EMC's Climatic chamber, Metal tape measure

Direct depth measurement ±5cm

Temperature ±2°C

#### **Test Item Details**

| Item No | Item                       | Type         | Notes                            |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1       | McMurdo EPIRB Beacon       | Smartfind G5 | Also E5 (mechanically identical) |
| 2       | Hammer Hydrostatic Release | H-20         | 8 x disposable release           |

#### **Test Summary**

| Test | Pre-condition<br>Temperature | Position/Attitude of release housing during test. | Clear release and<br>EPIRB float free? | Depth of release | Result |
|------|------------------------------|---|--|------------------|--------|
| 1    | -30°C (Min Stow)             | Vertical – Normal Attitude                        | YES                                    | 3.5m             | Pass   |
| 2    | Ambient                      | Vertical - Normal Attitude                        | YES                                    | 3.1m             | Pass   |
| 3    | Ambient                      | Rolling 90° to Starboard                          | YES                                    | 3.1m             | Pass   |
| 4    | Ambient                      | Rolling 90° to Port                               | YES                                    | 3.1m             | Pass   |
| 5    | Ambient                      | Horizontal Pitching Cover Up                      | Yes                                    | 3.2m             | Pass   |
| 6    | Ambient                      | Horizontal –Pitching Cover down                   | YES                                    | 3.2m             | Pass   |
| 7    | Ambient                      | Vertical Inverted (Upside down)                   | YES                                    | 3.0m             | Pass   |
| 8    | +70°C(Max Stow)              | Vertical - Normal Attitude                        | YES                                    | 3.0m             | Pass   |
|      |                              |   |  |                  |        |

Photographs of the EPIRB and test set-up can be found on the following pages.

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IT IS CERTIFIED THAT THE TESTS DETAILED IN THIS CERTIFICATE HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AS SPECIFIED, WITH THE RESULTS AS SHOWN, TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACT.

Signed (electronic) P Goddard

EMC Business Group, Spectrum Solutions Farnborough Photographs.

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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EPIRB}}$  mounted on the plunge pole ready test, Rolling 90° attitude.



The release mechanism primed ready for the cover to be put on, Hammar H20 release can be seen to the left and when hydrostatically triggered will cut through the black nylon post that holds the cover on. The coiled spring under the hinged release plate will then push up and away the G5 beacon.

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Overall view of plunge pool and typical test set-up.

Method of conduct of tests is to fix the EPIRB release housing onto the plunge pole in the required attitude, the pole would then be gently lowered into the plunge pool until release mechanism actuates and depth noted.

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Administrative Information

McMurdo Marine Ltd Customer:

File Reference Ref 06/189

EPIRB in hydrostatic housing Equipment under test: Build Standard: Declared as Production units

Test specifications: RTCM EPIRB Standard, Test A14.0 and

BS EN 61097-2: 2000 Clause 3.1.8 (IEC 61996-2) Float Free at between 1 & 4 metre depth Test Limits

4 October 2006 & 6 October 2006 Test dates:

Modes of operation: EPIRB in standby condition

Test engineer: Nigel Vickers

Location of Testing: Building A50, QinetiQ Farnborough.

Test equipment used Centre for Human science's Plunge Pool. Water

temperature during testing, +27 degrees. EMC's Climatic chamber, Metal tape measure

Uncertainty of measurement Direct depth measurement ±5cm Temperature

±2°C

#### Test Item Details

| ltem No | ltem                        | Type Notes    |                                  |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 1       | McMurdo EPIRB Beacon        | Smartfind G5  | Also E5 (mechanically identical) |
| 2       | McMurdo Hydrostatic Release | Breakthru HRU | 8 x disposable release           |

## Test Summary

| Test | Pre-condition   | Position/Attitude of release  | Clear release and EPIRB | Depth of | Result |
|------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------|
|      | Temperature     | housing during test.          | float free?             | release  |        |
| 1    | +70°C(Max       | Vertical - Normal Attitude    | Yes                     | 3.0 M    | Pass   |
| 2    | Ambient         | Vertical - Normal Attitude    | Yes                     | 3.0 M    | Pass   |
| 3    | Ambient         | Rolling 90° to Port           | Yes                     | 3.1 M    | Pass   |
| 4    | Ambient         | Vertical - Inverted (Upside   | Slight agitation then   | 3.0 M    | Pass   |
|      |                 | down)                         | float free.             |          |        |
| 5    | Ambient         | Rolling 90° to Starboard      | Yes                     | 2.7 M    | Pass   |
| 6    | Ambient         | Horizontal Pitching Cover     | Slight agitation then   | 3.0 M    | Pass   |
|      |                 | down                          | float free.             |          |        |
| 7    | Ambient         | Horizontal –Pitching Cover up | Yes                     | 3.0 M    | Pass   |
| 8    | -30°C(Min Stow) | Vertical – Normal Attitude    | Yes                     | 3.25 M   | Pass   |

#### \* BSEN 61097-2 Specifies +65°C but +70°C is acceptable as worst case.

Photographs of the EPIRB and test set-up can be found on the following pages.

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Signed (electronic) N.Vickers

EMES Business Group , SES

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Date 11th October 2006

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#### Photographs.



 ${\sf EPIRB\ mounted\ on\ the\ plunge\ pole\ read} \textbf{\textit{y}\ test,\ Horizontal.\ -\ Pitching\ Cover\ down.}$ 



The release mechanism primed ready for the cover to be put on, McMurdo EPIRB Breakthru HRU release can be seen to the left and when hydrostatically triggered will cut through the black nylon post that holds the cover on. The coiled spring under the hinged release plate will then push up and away the G5 beacon. Note temporary HRU label due to new production at McMurdo, Portsmouth.

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# **Certificate of Test EPIRB Hydrostatic Release**



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Overall view of plunge pool and typical test set-up. (previous test)

Method of conduct of tests is to fix the EPIRB release housing onto the plunge pole in the required attitude, and the plunge pole in the required attitude attitude attitude at the plunge pole in the required attitude attitthe pole would then be gently lowered into the plunge pool until release mechanism actuates and depth noted.

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#### Smartfind E5 & G5 EPIRB Materials Declaration

As required by IEC 61097-2 & RTCM test requirements the Smartfind E5 & G5 EPIRB products are required to be tested and to meet the specific tests -

Corrosion (Salt Mist)
 Solar Radiation
 Oil Resistance
 IEC 60945 8.12 & IEC 68-2-52
 IEC 60945 8.10 & ETS 300-066.6.11
 IEC 60945 8.11 & ETS 300-066.6.11

IEC 60945 stipulates that where a manufacturer can produce evidence that the components, materials and finishes employed in the equipment would satisfy the tests then the tests shall be waived.

In this instance McMurdo claim, for the one or more of the reasons listed below that these criteria are met and therefore make application that the tests be wavied.

- 1. The materials have a proven history of service in a marine environment. Either from use in McMurdo's existing approved marine equipment range, or by implication from a long established history of exposure without effect (e.g. stainless steel).
- The material manufacturer has conducted equivalent testing and has declared the product as being immune to these effects in the relevant data sheet
- McMurdo in-house testing has proven the materials to be immune to the cause of degradation (e.g. oil resistance).

McMurdo Limited hereby declares that the materials used in the construction of the Smartfind E5 & G5 EPIRB products as here-in listed are not affected by the degrading agents listed above.

Signed on behalf of McMurdo Limited.

C. J. Mears

Mechanical Engineering Manager

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Date 16th Jun 2006

Components and materials listed below are in contact with the marine environment

REFLECTIVE TAPE SET RETRO REFLECTIVE TAPE TYPE 3M 3150 MS/3/70/02

MAIN SEAL 'O' RING SILICONE RUBBER 70 SHORE
ANTENNA 'O' RING SEAL SILICONE RUBBER 70 SHORE
SEA CONTACT 'O' RING SILICONE RUBBER 70 SHORE

OVERMOULDED TEST BUTTON SANTOPRENE 8211-55B100 / LEXAN 943A

OVERMOULDED ANTENNA ASSEMBLY TALLAC AP45

BLADE ANTENNA STAINLESS STEEL 302S25 / NYLON COATED

SWITCH SLIDER BAYBLEND T85 FRANGIBLE TAB SAN PDV 36

SEA CONTACT PIN BRASS BS2874 CZ131 WITH GOLD OVER NICKEL FINISH

FLOAT FREE BASE LURAN S OR GELOY ASA
LEVER ARM TOYOLAC ABS 700-314
FLOAT FREE COVER LURAN S OR GELOY ASA
ROD BREAKABLE ACETAL COPPOLYMER

LABEL FRONT GPS UV STABLE CLEAR POLYESTER WITH POLYPROPYLENE OVERLAY
LABEL FRONT Non GPS UV STABLE CLEAR POLYESTER WITH POLYPROPYLENE OVERLAY

LABEL REAR UV STABLE POLYESTER

LANYARD HOLDER PC/ABS - PULSE A135-110 OR GE CYCOLOY C1200

LANYARD BRAID 8 PLAIT MF POLPROPYLENE (P380)

MANUAL BRACKET LURAN S OR GELOY ASA

MANUAL BRACKET CARRY OFF HIGHLASS PF 062/2 20% GLASS REINFORCED POLYPROPYLENE

CLIP 'R' STAINLESS STEEL 304
PULL TAG TOYOLAC ABS 700-314

PLACARD UNIVERSAL 3M SCOTCHLITE FLEXIBLE GPAPHIC FILM 680-10

CLEAR MEDIA CLEAR POLYESTER TYP222C PERMANENT ACRYLIC ADHESIVE

FLOAT MOULDING PC/ABS, BAYBLEND T85

DOME MOULDING POLYCARBONATE, LEXAN 943A

PROD.DECAL AUTO HOUSING REFLATAC PE GRADE WITH POLYPROYLENE OVERLAY

OPERATION / LOCK LABEL AUTO HOUSING REFLATAC PE GRADE WITH POLYPROYLENE OVERLAY

G5 MED/BATT EXP LABEL CLEAR POLYESTER TYP222C PERMANENT ACRYLIC ADHESIVE

MAGNET SINTERED NdFeB.GRADE N35, COATED NiCuNi. MAGNETISED.
CLEAR MEDIA CLEAR POLYESTER TYP222C PERMANENT ACRYLIC ADHESIVE

HYSOL 609 EPOXY ADHESIVE

M3 NYLOC NUT STAINLESS STEEL A4/316

M3 x 8 POS PAN HD SCREW STAINLESS STEEL A4/316
WASHER CRINKLE M4 BS4463 STAINLESS STEEL A2/304
NUT M4 NYLOC STAINLESS STEEL A4/316

SCREW No 4 x 11mm POZI PAN SELF TAP STAINLESS STEEL A2/304

SCREW M4x12 POSI PAN STAINLESS STEEL A2/304

SPRING CONICAL STAINLESS STEEL 302-026
CLIP 'E' STAINLESS STEEL A4/316
WASHER M8 STAINLESS STEEL A4/316
HINGE PIN STAINLESS STEEL A4/316

SINKER WEIGHT BUSH STAINLESS STEEL A4/316 SINKER WEIGHT STAINLESS STEEL A4/316

MOUNTING INSTRUCTION LABEL CLEAR POLYESTER TYP222C PERMANENT ACRYLIC ADHESIVE



# **Declaration of Conformity**

(transport regulations)

We hereby confirm that the products we deliver

Article: 3/CR2/3AH

P22-00096

meet the requirements of the tests according to the "Recommendations of the transport of Dangerous Goods, UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 38.3" and comply in original VARTA packaging to the following special provisions of international transport regulations:

IATA: Special Provision A45

ADR: Special Provision 188

IMO/IMDG Code: Special Provision 188

DOT / 49 CFR: Provision 173.185

VARTA Microbattery GmbH

VARTA Microbattery Gm

signature

(Dr. Rainer Jostes) General Manager Quality Assurance

04 May 2006

date





# G5/E5 Smartfind battery safety precautions

The Smartfind E5/G5 battery pack drawing calls up ST/SG/AC.10/11 revision 4 (United Nations recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods). Battery safety issues are covered by testing to ST/SG/AC.10/11 revision 4, this involves testing of our battery packs for the following parameters:-

Altitude Simulation Thermal Vibration Shock External Short Circuit Impact Forced Discharge

It is in our opinion that since McMurdo Ltd have called up ST/SG/AC.10/11 revision 4 on our drawing, it is implicit upon the battery manufacturer to comply or not accept the contract to supply.

Neil Jordan Electronics Engineer 12-7-06

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# **G5 GPS EPIRB Technical Specification**

General

Approved to COSPAS-SARSAT T.001 class2

RTCM SC110-STD Version 2.1 class2

IEC 61097-2 class 2

Complies with EN 60945

Part 80 of FCC regulations

Operating temperature range -20°C to +55°C Storage temperature range -30°C to +70°C

Operational life 48 hours minimum at -20°C
Battery Type 8.5V Lithium Sulphur Dioxide
Battery expiry 6 years form date of manufacture

Electrical

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406.028MHz transmitter

Frequency  $406.028MHz \pm 1KHz$ 

Output power 5W ± 2dB
Data encoding Bi-phase L

Modulation Phase modulation: 1.1 rads  $\pm$  0.1 rads

Transmission time 520ms  $\pm$  1% Repetition period 50 secs  $\pm$  2.5 secs

121.5 MHz transmitter

Frequency 121.5MHz  $\pm$  3KHz Output power 50mW  $\pm$  3dB PERP

Transmit duty cycle Continuous
Modulation format 3K20A3X

Modulation frequency sweep1480Hz to 340HzModulation duty cycle $37\% \pm 5\%$ Sweep repetition $3Hz \pm 1Hz$ 

Sweep repetition  $3Hz \pm 1Hz$ Sweep direction Programmable UP or DOWN

GPS receiver/engine

Centre frequency Band L1 1.57542GHz
Received signal sensitivity -172dBW minimum

Maximum number of satellites tracked 12

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Transmit Antenna

Type Flexible, vertical whip

Characteristics Vertically polarised, omni-directional

Receive Antenna

Type Ceramic dielectric patch

Characteristics Right-hand circular polarised. Nominal

+3dBi.

**Optical** 

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Type LED

Flash rate 20 to 23 flashes per minute

Light output >0.75 candela.

**External Interfaces** 

Programming interface Infra-red link via USB port on a PC.

Manual activation Slide activated switch. Protected by

tamper cover.

Automatic activation Sea water switch contacts. Activation

within 3 seconds of immersion.

Self test Sealed membrane switch. Press and

Hold to activate self-test. Confirmation of successful self-test by 3 flashes of

LED strobe light.

Physical characteristics

Weight 657g

Height 390mm Width 107.5mm

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