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SECTION 1

REPORT SUMMARY

Emergency Beacons Testing of the
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1.1 INTRODUCTION

The information contained in this report is intended to show verification of the Emergency Beacon Testing of the ACR Electronics, Inc. PLB-350B (GPS Enabled) to the requirements of T.007 Issue 4 – Rev 2 November 2007.

Objective	To perform Emergency Beacon Testing to determine the Equipment Under Test's (EUT's) compliance with the Test Specification, for the series of tests carried out.	
Manufacturer	ACR Electronics, Inc.	
Model Number(s)	PLB-350B (GPS Enabled)	
TUV Reference Number(s), Model(s) and Serial Number(s)	75905359_007	PLB-350B Floatation, S/N: #22
	75905359_010	PLB-350B Slim, S/N: #14
	75905359_015	PLB-350B Slim (50Ω), S/N: #2
	75905359_016	PLB-350B Slim, S/N: #5
	75905359_017	PLB-350B Slim (50Ω), S/N: #3
Number of Samples Tested	Five	
Test Specification/Issue/Date	Cospas-Sarsat T.007 Issue 4 – Rev 2 November 2007	
Incoming Release Date	Application Form 16 January 2009	
Date of Receipt of Test Samples	23 January 2009	
Order Number Date	95233_001 10 January 2009	
Start of Test	29 January 2009	
Finish of Test	04 June 2009	
Name of Engineer(s)	R Henley R Hampton M Hardy	



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1.2 APPLICATION FORM

1.2.1 Beacon Manufacturer and Beacon Model

Beacon Manufacturer	ACR Electronics, Inc
Beacon Model	PLB-350B (GPS-Enabled)
Other Model Names	PLB-350B Slim, PLB-350B Float

1.2.2 Beacon Type and Operational Configurations

Beacon Type	Beacon used while:	Tick where appropriate
EPIRB	Floating in water or on deck or in a safety raft	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLB	On ground and above ground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	On ground and above ground and floating in water	<input type="checkbox"/>
ELT Survival	On ground and above ground	<input type="checkbox"/>
	On ground and above ground and floating in water	<input type="checkbox"/>
ELT Auto Fixed	Fixed ELT with aircraft external antenna	<input type="checkbox"/>
ELT Auto Portable	In aircraft with an external antenna	<input type="checkbox"/>
	On ground, above ground, or in a safety raft with an integrated antenna	<input type="checkbox"/>
ELT Auto Deployable	Deployable ELT with attached antenna	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>

1.2.3 Beacon Characteristics

Characteristic	Specification
Operating temperature range	Tmin = -20°C Tmax = +55°C
Operating lifetime	24 hours
Battery chemistry	LiMnO2
Battery cell size and number of cells	2/3A size, 2 connected-in-series Packs (2 series cells per pack)
Battery cell manufacturer	Sanyo, CR123A
Battery pack manufacturer and part number	ACR, A3-06-2613
Oscillator type (e.g. OCXO, MCXO, TCXO)	TCXO
Oscillator manufacturer	Rakon/C-MAC
Oscillator part name and number	A1-11-0687-2 (E4672)
Oscillator satisfies long-term frequency stability requirements (Yes or No)	Yes



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Characteristic	Specification
Antenna type: Integral or Other (e.g. External, Detachable – specify type)	Integrated
Antenna manufacturer	ACR Electronics, Inc.
Antenna part name and number	A3-06-2493
Navigation device type (Internal, External or None)	Internal
Features in beacon that prevent degradation to 406 MHz signal or beacon lifetime resulting from a failure of navigation device or failure to acquire position data (Yes, No, or N/A)	Yes
Features in beacon that ensures erroneous position data is not encoded into the beacon message (Yes, No or N/A)	Yes
Navigation device capable of supporting global coverage (Yes, No or N/A)	Yes
For Internal Navigation Devices	
- Geodetic reference system (WGS 84 or GTRF)	WGS 84
- GNSS receiver cold start forced at every beacon activation (Yes or No)	Yes
- Navigation device manufacturer	Wonde Proud
- Navigation device model name and part Number	A1-11-0688-1
- GNSS system supported (e.g. GPS, GLONASS, Galileo)	GPS
For External Navigation Devices	
- Data protocol for GNSS receiver to beacon interface	na
- Physical interface for beacon to navigation device	na
- Electrical interface for beacon to navigation device	na
- Navigation device model and manufacturer (if beacon designed to use specific devices)	na



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Characteristic	Specification	
Self-Test Mode Characteristics	Self-Test Mode	Optional GNSS Self-Test Mode
- Self-test has separate switch position (Yes or No)	Yes	Yes
- Self-test switch automatically returns to normal position when released (Yes or No)	Yes	Yes
- Self-test activation can cause an operational mode transmission (Yes or No)	No	No
- Self-test causes a single beacon self-test message burst only regardless of how long the self-test activation mechanism applied (Yes or No)	Yes	Yes
- Results of self-test indicated by (e.g. Pass / Fail Indicator Light, Strobe Light, etc.)	4 beeps/LED	Beeps/LED
- Self-test can be activated from beacon remote activation points (Yes or No)	No	No
- Self-test performs an internal check and indicates that RF power emitted at 406 MHz and 121.5 MHz if beacon includes a 121.5 MHz homer (Yes or No)	No	No
- Self-test transmits a signal(s) other than at 406 MHz (Yes & details or No)	no	no
- Self-test can be activated directly at beacon (Yes or No)	Yes	Yes
- List of Items checked by self-test	Battery, 406PWR, Lock Det	GPS ACQ, 406 burst
- Self-test transmission burst duration (440 or 520 ms)	440 ms	520 ms
- Self-test format bit ("0" or "1")	1	
- Maximum duration of GNSS Self Test	N/A	121 seconds
- Maximum number of GNSS Self Tests (beacons with internal navigation devices only)	N/A	12
- Beacon includes a homer transmitter (if yes identify frequency of transmission)	121.5MHz	
-Homer Transmit Power	17dBm	
-Homer Duty Cycle	98%	
-Duty Cycle of Homer Swept Tone	37.5%	



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Characteristic	Specification
Beacon includes a strobe light (Yes or No)	Yes
- Strobe light intensity	N/A
- Strobe light flash rate	21/minutes
Beacon transmission repetition period satisfies C/S T.001 requirement that two beacon's repetition periods are not synchronised closer than a few seconds over 5 minute period, and the time intervals between transmissions are randomly distributed on the interval 47.5 to 52.5 seconds (Yes or No)	Yes
Other ancillary devices (e.g. voice transceiver). List details on a separate sheet if insufficient space to describe.	na
Beacon includes automatic activation mechanism (Yes or No) Specify type of automatic beacon activation mechanism	No
Beacon includes software or hardware features and functions not listed above and non-related to 406 MHz (Yes or No)	No
List features and use a separate sheet if insufficient space	



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Characteristic	Specification
Message Coding Protocols:	(x) Tick the boxes below against the intended protocol options
User Protocol (tick where appropriate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime with MMSI
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime with Radio Call Sign
	<input type="checkbox"/> EPIRB Float Free with Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> EPIRB Non Float Free with Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio Call Sign
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELT with Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELT with Aircraft Operator and Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELT with Aircraft 24-bit Address
	<input type="checkbox"/> PLB with Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> National (Short Message Format)
	<input type="checkbox"/> National (Long Message Format)
	Standard Location Protocol (tick where appropriate)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EPIRB with Serial Number	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELT with 24-bit Address	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELT with Aircraft Operator Designator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELT with Serial Number	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLB with Serial Number	
National Location Protocol (tick where appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Location: EPIRB
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Location: ELT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Location: PLB
User Location Protocol (tick where appropriate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime with MMSI
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime with Radio Call Sign
	<input type="checkbox"/> EPIRB Float Free with Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> EPIRB Non Float Free with Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio Call Sign
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELT with Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELT with Aircraft Operator and Serial Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELT with Aircraft 24-bit Address
	<input type="checkbox"/> PLB with Serial Number



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1.2.4 Information Provided by the Cospas-Sarsat Accepted Test Facility


Name and Location of Beacon Test Facility: TUV Product Service Ltd, United Kingdom

Date of Submission for Testing: 23 January 2009

Applicable C/S Standards:

Document	Issue	Revision	Date
C/S T.001	3	7	Nov-05
C/S T.007	4	1	Oct-06
C/S T.007	4	2	Nov-07

I hereby confirm that the 406 MHz beacon described above has been successfully tested in accordance with the Cospas-Sarsat Type Approval Standard (C/S T.007) and complies with the Specification for Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz Distress Beacons (C/S T.001) as demonstrated in the attached report.

Signed:  _____

Name: M Jenkins

Position Held: Authorised Signatory

Date: 09 June 2009



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1.2.5 Applicant Details

Company Name	ACR Electronics, Inc.		
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Category of Applicant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/> Importer	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Distributor	<input type="checkbox"/> Agent	
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Email	ctong@acrelectronics.com	Facsimile	954-983-5087

1.2.6 Manufacturer Details

Company Name	Same as above		
Address			
Contact Name		Telephone	
Email		Facsimile	

1.2.7 Declaration of Build Status

Hardware Version	
- PCB Revision	Rev.A (same as T2)
- Battery Model	A3-06-2613
Software Version	N/A
Firmware Version	Rev.A (same as T2)
Other (Specify)	

1.2.8 Applicant's Declaration

I hereby declare that I am entitled to sign on the behalf of the applicant and that the information supplied is correct and complete

Signed: Chung Tong

Name: Chung Tong

Position Held: Principal electrical Engineer

Date: 06/02/2009

1.3 PRODUCT INFORMATION

1.3.1 Technical Description

The Equipment Under Test (EUT) was a ACR Electronics PLB-350B (GPS Enabled) as shown in the photograph below. A full technical description can be found in the manufacturer's documentation.



Equipment Under Test (75905359_016)

1.3.2 Physical Test Configuration

The Equipment Under Test (EUT) was operated using its own power source (internal battery).

Two "50 Ω " EUT Samples were configured for direct connection to the 50 Ω test system using a coaxial cable (samples 75905359_015 & 75905359_017). These samples were used for all tests except Antenna Characteristics, Satellite Qualitative and Position Accuracy Time and Position Accuracy.

The two other EUT samples were fully packaged beacons, similar to the proposed production beacons equipped with their proper antennas. These EUT samples were used to perform Antenna Characteristics, Satellite Qualitative and Position Acquisition Time and Position Accuracy. The test configuration for these tests is a function of the beacon type and the operational environments supported by the beacon, as declared by the manufacturer.



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1.3.3 Modes of Operation

Modes of operation of the EUT during testing were as follows:

Standby Mode:

- No apparent EUT activity
- No ancillary devices were declared

Self-test:

- “TEST” button depressed until green LED light indicated Self-test operation
- List of features tested as per Application Form

GNSS Self-test:

- “TEST” button depressed for >5 seconds until green LED light indicated GNSS Self-test operation
- List of features tested as per Application Form

Operating:

- Antenna Raised and Power Button depressed
- 121 MHz homer active and offset to 121.65 MHz
- 243 MHz homer not declared
- Physical configuration as above
- GPS Enabled with no position input unless otherwise stated

1.4 MODIFICATIONS

No modifications were made to the test sample during testing.

1.5 REPORT MODIFICATION RECORD

Issue 1 – First Issue

Issue 2 – Cospas-Sarsat Worksheet 1: Actions include (but are not limited to):

- New Application Forms (Separated Float and Slim variants)
- Amended Battery Discharge Calculations and corresponding reduction to Operating Lifetime at Minimum Temperature results
- Additional photographs included
- Additional Navigation Testing on “Float” Variant sample
- Numerous omissions and typographical errors corrected

Issue 3 - Cospas-Sarsat Worksheet 1:

- Corrected Sample tested on Page 17 GNSS Self Test.



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TEST DETAILS

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TEST RESULTS TABLE

Parameter	Limits	Units	Test Results			Comments	
			Tmin	Tamb	Tmax		
			(-20°C)	(22°C)	(+55°C)		
1. Power Output						Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass	
Transmitter power output	35 - 39	dBm	37.81	37.46	37.13		
Power output rise time	< 5	ms	0.012	0.012	0.012		
Power output 1ms before burst	< -10	dBm	-38.04	-38.49	-38.60		
2. Digital Message Coding						Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass	
		Bit Numbers					
Bit Sync	1 - 15	15 bits "1"	P / F	P	P	P	Decoded Message: Page 21
Frame sync	16 - 24	"000101111"	P / F	P	P	P	
Format flag	25	1 bit	bit value	1	1	1	
Protocol flag	26	1 bit	bit value	0	0	0	
Identification / position data	27 - 85	59 bits	P / F	P	P	P	
BCH code	86 -106	21 bits	P / F	P	P	P	
Emerg. Code/nat. use/supplem. Data	107 - 112	6 bits	bit value	110111	110111	110111	
Additional data / BCH (if applicable)	112 - 144	32 bits	P / F	P	P	P	
Position Error (if applicable)	< 5	km		N/A	N/A	N/A	
3. Digital Message Generator						Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass	
Repetition rate, T _R :							
Average T _R	48.5 ≤ T _{Ravg} ≤ 51.5	seconds	50.063	50.221	50.024		
Minimum T _R	47.5 ≤ T _{Rmin} ≤ 48.0	seconds	47.812	47.703	47.844		
Maximum T _R	52.0 ≤ T _{Rmax} ≤ 52.5	seconds	52.328	52.031	52.297		
Standard deviation	0.5 - 2.0	seconds	1.290	1.417	1.227		
Bit rate							
Minimum fb	≥ 396	bits/sec	399.98	400.002	399.994		
Maximum fb	≤ 404	bits/sec	400.074	400.023	400.018		
Total transmission time							
Short message	435.6 - 444.4	ms	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Long message	514.8 - 525.2	ms	520.444	520.449	520.445		
Unmodulated carrier							
Minimum T1	≥ 158.4	ms	160.522	160.542	160.540		
Maximum T1	≤ 161.6	ms	160.603	160.556	160.558		
First burst delay	≥ 47.5	seconds	100	100	100		



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Parameter	Limits	Units	Test Results			Comments
			T _{min}	T _{amb}	T _{max}	
			(-20°C)	(20°C)	(+55°C)	
4. Modulation						Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass
Biphase-L	P / F	P / F	P	P	P	
Rise time	50 - 250	µs	174.30	176.30	168.30	
Fall time	50 - 250	µs	175.70	174.70	170.70	
Phase deviation: positive	+(1.0 to 1.2)	radians	1.112	1.111	1.119	
Phase deviation: negative	-(1.0 to 1.2)	radians	-1.098	-1.104	-1.101	
Symmetry measurement	≤ 0.05		0.0155	0.0167	0.0163	
5. 406 MHz Transmitted Frequency						Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass
Nominal Value	C/S T.001	MHz	406.0366648	406.0366362	406.0366332	
Short-term stability	≤ 2x10 ⁻⁹	/100ms	2.607E-10	1.193E-10	1.397E-10	
Medium-term stability – Slope	(-1 to +1)x10 ⁻⁹	/minutes	-8.24E-11	2.32E-11	5.715E-11	
Medium-term stability – Residual frequency variation	≤ 3x10 ⁻⁹		3.015E-10	1.277E-10	2.116E-10	
6. Spurious Emissions into 50ohms						Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass
In band (406.0 – 406.1 MHz)	C/S T.001 mask	P / F	P	P	P	Spectrum plots: Page 24
7. 406 MHz VSWR Check						Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass
Nominal transmitted frequency	C/S T.001	MHz	406.0366647	406.0366379	406.0366331	
Modulation						
Rise time	50-250	µs	170.30	176.40	170.30	
Fall time	50-250	µs	178.70	175.60	174.70	
Phase deviation: positive	+(1.0 to 1.2)	radians	1.131	1.118	1.105	
Phase deviation: negative	-(1.0 to 1.2)	radians	-1.081	-1.098	-1.116	
Symmetry measurement	≤ 0.05		0.0182	0.0167	0.0155	
Digital Message	correct	P / F	P	P	P	Decoded Message: Page 25



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Parameter	Limits	Units	Test Results			Comments
			T _{min}	T _{amb}	T _{max}	
			(-20°C)	(22°C)	(+55°C)	
8. Self-test Mode						
Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass						
Frame sync	011010000	P / F	P	P	P	Decoded Message: Page 26 Applicant's data: See Application Form, Section 1.2 Applicant's data: See Annex A Applicant's data: See Application Form, Section 1.2
Format flag	1 / 0	bit value	1	1	1	
Single radiated burst	≤440 / 520 (±1%)	ms	440.4386	440.4559	440.4665	
Default position data (if applicable)	correct	P / F	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Description	provided	Y / N		Y		
Design data on protection against repetitive self-test mode transmissions	provided	Y / N		Y		
Single burst verification	one burst	P / F	P	P	P	
Provides for 15 Hex ID	correct	P / F	P	P	P	
121.5 MHz RF power (if applicable)	self-test checks that RF power emitted	Y / N		Y		
406 MHz power	self-test checks that RF power emitted	Y / N		Y		
8 (b). GNSS Self-Test Mode (if applicable)						
Test Sample: 75905359_17 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass						
Frame sync	011010000	P / F	P	P	P	Detailed test results: Page 27 Must be within 500m (or 5.25km for User Location Protocol) of the actual position Applicant's data: See Annex A Applicant's data: See Application Form, Section 1.2 Applicant's data: See Application Form, Section 1.2
Format flag	1 / 0	bit value	1	1	1	
Single radiated burst	≤ 520 (+1%)	ms	519.5	521.0	519.5	
Position data (if applicable)	(see comment)	M	50.1	148.0	50.1	
Design data showing how GNSS Self-Test is limited in number of transmissions and duration	provided	Y / N		Y		
Single burst verification	one burst	P / F	P	P	P	
121.5 MHz RF power (if applicable)	checks that RF power is emitted	Y / N		Y		
406 MHz power	GNSS self-test checks that RF power is emitted	Y / N		Y		
Maximum duration of GNSS Self-Test	≤120	secs	118.64	118.67	118.50	
Actual duration of Self-Test with encoded location	< maximum duration	secs	30.41	52.83	52.02	
Maximum number of GNSS Self-Tests (only beacons with internal navigation devices)	≤12			12		



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Parameter	Limits	Units	Test Results	Comments		
9. Thermal Shock				Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass		
Soak Temperature	30°C difference	°C	+20.5	Test Data: Page 31		
Measurement Temperature		°C	+50.5			
Transmitted Frequency	C/S T.001		Min		Max	
Nominal value			MHz		406.036625	406.036630
Short-term stability		/100ms	7.19×10^{-11}		1.373×10^{-10}	
Medium-term stability – Slope		/min	-1.092×10^{-12}		2.754×10^{-10}	
Medium-term stability – Residual frequency variation			9.531×10^{-11}		3.637×10^{-10}	
Transmitter power output		35 - 39	dBm		37.521	37.556
Digital message		correct	P/F	P		
10 Operating Lifetime at Minimum Temperature				Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass		
Pre-test battery discharge duration (operating)	>24	hours	4.92		Test Data: Page 35	
Operational Lifetime Duration		hours	<u>32.74</u> Hours at Tmin = <u>-20</u> °C			
Effective Operational Lifetime Duration		hours	<u>32.11</u> Hours at Tmin = <u>-20</u> °C			
Transmitted Frequency	C/S T.001		Min	Max	Maximum and minimum values are taken up to 24 hours. The first failure was a measurement of Output Power.	
Nominal value			MHz	406.036660		406.036664
Short-term stability		/100ms	6.467×10^{-11}	2.502×10^{-10}		
Medium-term stability – Slope		/min	-8.612×10^{-11}	1.625×10^{-10}		
Medium-term stability – Residual frequency variation			5.789×10^{-11}	6.464×10^{-10}		
Transmitter power output		35 - 39	dBm	36.935		38.003
Digital message		correct	P/F	P		
				Decoded Message: Page 38		



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Parameter	Limits	Units	Test Results				Comments
11. Temperature Gradient (5°C/hr)							
			Min		Max		Test Sample: 75905359_15 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass
Transmitted Frequency							Test Data: Page 46
Nominal value	C/S T.007	MHz	406.0366190		406.0366660		Limits between points B to C+15 minutes and D to E+15 minutes as per C/S T.007 are (-2 to +2)x10 ⁹
Short-term stability	≤ 2x10 ⁻⁹	/100ms	6.009x10 ⁻¹¹		3.081x10 ⁻¹⁰		
Medium-term stability – Slope ¹	(-1 to +1)x10 ⁻⁹	/min	-3.264x10 ⁻¹⁰		2.982x10 ⁻¹⁰		
Medium-term stability – Residual frequency variation	≤ 3x10 ⁻⁹		5.329x10 ⁻¹¹		1.524x10 ⁻⁹		
Transmitter power output	35 – 39	dBm	37.170		37.882		
Digital message	correct	P/F	P				Decoded Message: Page 49
12. Oscillator Aging							
Data	provided	Y / N	Y				Applicant's data: See Annex A
13. Protection Against Continuous Transmission							
Description	provided	Y / N	Y				Applicant's data: See Annex A
14. Satellite Qualitative Tests							
Test Configuration			Configuration 7		Configuration 8		Test Sample: 75905359_07 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass Test Sample: 75905359_16 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass
			007	016	007	016	
15 Hex ID Decoded by LUT	correct	P / F	P	P	P	P	Test Data: Page 50
Doppler Location results with error ≤5km	≥80	%	100	100	100	100	
15. Antenna Characteristics							
Test Configuration			B.2		B.5		Test Sample: 75905359_07 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass Test Sample: 75905359_16 Mod State: 0 Result: Pass
			007	016	007	016	
Polarisation	C/S T.007	Figure	Linear				Test Data: Page 54 Detachable Antennas Only * MU Pass * MU Pass
VSWR	linear or RHCP		N/A				
EIRP _{LOSS}	≤1.5	dB	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	
EIRP _{maxEOL}	≤43	dBm	42.9	43.3 *	40.4	41.5	
EIRP _{minEOL}	≥32	dBm	31.9 *	32.0	33.1	33.2	
Azimuth gain variation at 40° elevation angle	≤3	dB	0.98	1.14	N/A	N/A	



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Parameter	Limits	Units	Test Results			Comments
16. Beacon Coding Software						
Sample message for each coding option of the applicable coding types	correct	P / F	P			Applicant's data: See Annex A
Sample self-test message for each coding option of the applicable coding types	correct	P / F	P			
17. Navigation System						Test Samples: Result: Pass Standard (50Ω) 75905359_015 Mod State: 0 Standard 75905359_016 Mod State: 0 National (50Ω) 75905359_017 Mod State: 0 National 75905359_010 Mod State: 0 Standard (Float) 75905359_007 Mod State: 0
Location protocol	C/S T.001		National	Standard	User	Test Data: Page 58 Test samples 75905359_016 and 75905359_010 were used for Position Acquisition Time And Position Accuracy (Float Variant). Test sample 75905359_007 was used for Position Acquisition Time And Position Accuracy (Float Variant).
Position data default values	correct	P / F	P	P	N/A	
Position acquisition time (Slim Variant)	<10/1	min	1.68	1.68	N/A	
Position accuracy (Slim Variant)	C/S T.001	P / F	P	P	N/A	
Position acquisition time (Float Variant)	<10/1	min	N/T	1.68	N/A	
Position accuracy (Float Variant)	C/S T.001	P / F	N/T	P	N/A	
Encoded position data update interval	>20	min	22.5	22.5	N/A	
Position clearance after deactivation	cleared	P / F	P	P	N/A	
Position data input update interval (as applicable)	20/1	Min	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Position data encoding	correct	P / F	P	P	N/A	
Retained last valid position after navigation input lost	240(±5)	min	240	240	N/A	
Default position data transmitted after 240(±5) minutes without valid position data	cleared	P / F	P	P	P	
Information on protection against beacon degradation due to navigation device, interface or signal failure or malfunction	provided	Y / N				



2.1 DIGITAL MESSAGE

2.1.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_015

2.1.2 Date of Test and Modification State

29 January, 02 February and 03 February 2009 - Modification State 0

2.1.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.1.4 Test Results

Ambient Temperature

Beacon Id Format..... 30 Hex Id, Long Message, Bits 25-144
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDC5F0002FFBFF 2DDC5F0002FFBFF Default_Id
 36 Hex (Bits 25-144) = FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C

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    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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    0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0110 1111 0000 0111 1100 0001 1110 1100 1101 100
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
    86  90  94  98 102 106 110 114 118 122 126 130 134 138 142
  
```

Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	14 Test Serial (Standard)	1110
Spare	41- 64		0010 1111 1000 0000 0000 0001
Coarse Position	65- 85	DEFAULT	0111 1111 1101 1111 1111 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
BCH Generated	86-106		0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
Long Message	107-144	Data Present	
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
Fixed Bit	110	1	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Position Change	113-132	DEFAULT	1000 0011 1110 0000 1111
Resultant Position		--> Not Defined	
BCH Encoded	133-144	Errors=0	0110 0110 1100
BCH Generated	133-144		0110 0110 1100



Product Service

Minimum Temperature

Beacon Id Format..... 30 Hex Id, Long Message, Bits 25-144
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDC5F0002FFBFF 2DDC5F0002FFBFF Default_Id
 36 Hex (Bits 25-144) = FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C

```

    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
1  0010 1101 1101 1100 0101 1111 0000 0000 0000 0010 1111 1111 1011 1111 1111
    0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0110 1111 0000 0111 1100 0001 1110 1100 1101 100
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
    86  90  94  98  102  106  110  114  118  122  126  130  134  138  142
  
```

Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	14 Test Serial (Standard)	1110
Spare	41- 64		0010 1111 1000 0000 0000 0001
Coarse Position	65- 85	DEFAULT	0111 1111 1101 1111 1111 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
BCH Generated	86-106		0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
Long Message	107-144	Data Present	
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
Fixed Bit	110	1	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Position Change	113-132	DEFAULT	1000 0011 1110 0000 1111
Resultant Position		--> Not Defined	
BCH Encoded	133-144	Errors=0	0110 0110 1100
BCH Generated	133-144		0110 0110 1100



Product Service

Maximum Temperature

Beacon Id Format..... 30 Hex Id, Long Message, Bits 25-144
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDC5F0002FFBFF 2DDC5F0002FFBFF Default_Id
 36 Hex (Bits 25-144) = FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C

```

    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
1 0010 1101 1101 1100 0101 1111 0000 0000 0000 0010 1111 1111 1011 1111 1111
    0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0110 1111 0000 0111 1100 0001 1110 1100 1101 100
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
    86  90  94  98  102 106 110 114 118 122 126 130 134 138 142
  
```

Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	14 Test Serial (Standard)	1110
Spare	41- 64		0010 1111 1000 0000 0000 0001
Coarse Position	65- 85	DEFAULT	0111 1111 1101 1111 1111 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
BCH Generated	86-106		0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
Long Message	107-144	Data Present	
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
Fixed Bit	110	1	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Position Change	113-132	DEFAULT	1000 0011 1110 0000 1111
Resultant Position		--> Not Defined	
BCH Encoded	133-144	Errors=0	0110 0110 1100
BCH Generated	133-144		0110 0110 1100



Product Service

2.2 SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

2.2.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_015

2.2.2 Date of Test and Modification State

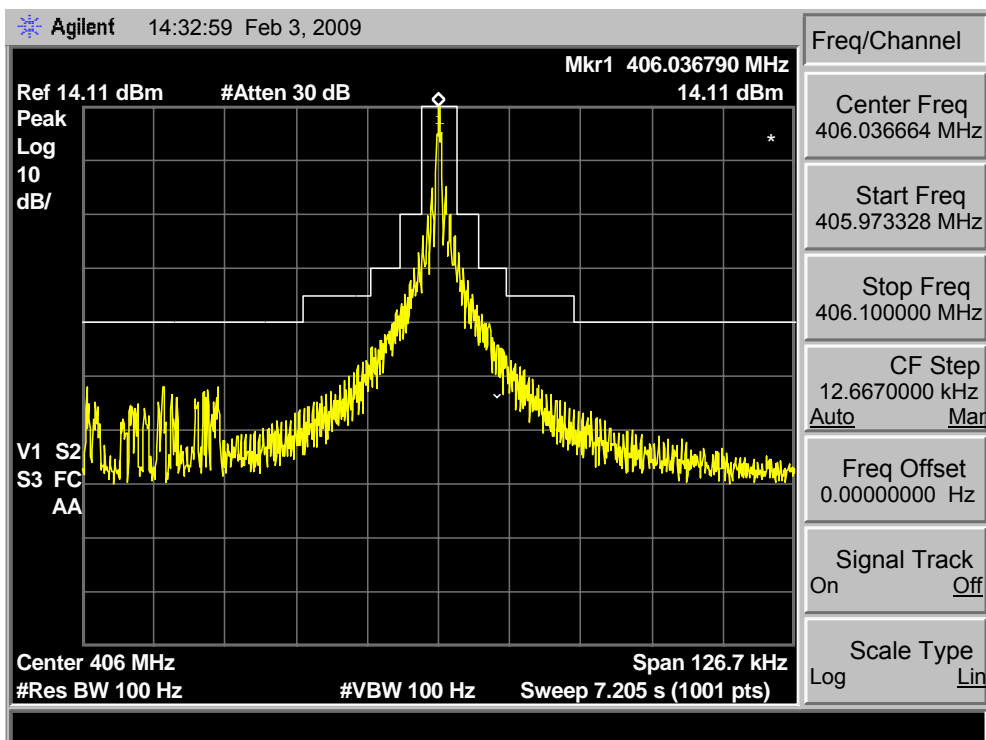
02 and 03 February 2009 - Modification State 0

2.2.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.2.4 Test Results

Combined Temperature (Ambient, +55°C, -20°C)





2.3 406 MHz VSWR CHECK – DECODED MESSAGE

2.3.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_015

2.3.2 Date of Test and Modification State

29 January, 02 February and 03 February 2009 - Modification State 0

2.3.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.3.4 Test Results

Digital Message

Please note: The digital message for VSWR was identical for all 3 test temperatures.

Beacon Id Format..... 30 Hex Id, Long Message, Bits 25-144
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDC5F0002FFBFF 2DDC5F0002FFBFF Default_Id
 36 Hex (Bits 25-144) = FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDF8EA71B783E0F66C

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    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
1  0010 1101 1101 1100 0101 1111 0000 0000 0000 0010 1111 1111 1011 1111 1111
    0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0110 1111 0000 0111 1100 0001 1110 1100 1101 100
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
    86  90  94  98  102  106  110  114  118  122  126  130  134  138  142
  
```

Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	14 Test Serial (Standard)	1110
Spare	41- 64		0010 1111 1000 0000 0000 0001
Coarse Position	65- 85	DEFAULT	0111 1111 1101 1111 1111 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
BCH Generated	86-106		0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
Long Message	107-144	Data Present	
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
Fixed Bit	110	1	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Position Change	113-132	DEFAULT	1000 0011 1110 0000 1111
Resultant Position		--> Not Defined	
BCH Encoded	133-144	Errors=0	0110 0110 1100
BCH Generated	133-144		0110 0110 1100



2.4 SELF-TEST MODE – DECODED MESSAGE

2.4.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_015

2.4.2 Date of Test and Modification State

29 January, 02 February and 03 February 2009 - Modification State 0

2.4.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.4.4 Test Results

Digital Message

Note: The digital message for Self-test was identical for all three test temperatures.

Beacon Id Format..... 22 Hex Id, Short Message, Bits 25-112
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDC5F0002FFBFF 2DDC5F0002FFBFF Default_Id
 36 Hex (Bits 25-144) = FFFED096EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B700000000

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    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
1 0010 1101 1101 1100 0101 1111 0000 0000 0000 0010 1111 1111 1011 1111 1111
    0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0110 1110 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 000
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
    86  90  94  98 102 106 110 114 118 122 126 130 134 138 142
  
```

Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message: bcn entered Short Non-Spec	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	14 Test Serial (Standard)	1110
Spare	41- 64		0010 1111 1000 0000 0000 0001
Coarse Position	65- 85	DEFAULT	0111 1111 1101 1111 1111 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
BCH Generated	86-106		0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
Fixed Bit	110	1	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Resultant Position		--> Not Defined	



Digital Message (+55°C and -20°C)

Note: The digital message for GNSS Self-test was identical at the two extreme temperatures.

Beacon Id Format..... 30 Hex Id, Long Message, Bits 25-144
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDE000119AE039 2DDE00013F81FE0 Default_Id
 30 Hex (Bits 25-144) = 96EF00008CD701CC95F2379208025B

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    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
1  0010 1101 1101 1110 0000 0000 0000 0001 0001 1001 1010 1110 0000 0011 1001
    1001 0010 1011 1110 0100 0110 1111 0010 0100 0001 0000 0000 0100 1011 011
    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
    86  90  94  98  102 106 110 114 118 122 126 130 134 138 142
  
```

Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	15 Test (National)	1111
Serial Number	41- 58	2	0000 0000 0000 0000 10
Medium Position	59- 85	Data Present	
Latitude Flag	59	0 North:	0
Latitude Degrees	60- 66	51 51 deg	0110 011
Lat. Minutes /2	67- 71	11 22 min	0101 1
Longitude Flag	72	1 West:	1
Long. Degrees	73- 80	1 1 deg	0000 0001
Long. Minutes /2	81- 85	25 50 min	1100 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	1001 0010 1011 1110 0100 0
BCH Generated	86-106		1001 0010 1011 1110 0100 0
Long Message	107-144	Data Present	
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
More Data Flag	110	1 Position Data in bits 113-132	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Position Change	113-126	Data Present	
Lat. Change Sign	113	1 Plus:	1
Lat. Chg. Minutes	114-115	0 0 min	00
Lat. Chg. Secs /4	116-119	9 36 sec	1001
Long Change Sign	120	0 Minus:	0
Long Chg. Minutes	121-122	0 0 min	00
Long Chg. Secs /4	123-126	2 8 sec	0010
Resultant Position		--> 51.37667 LAT, -1.83111 LONG	
		51 deg 22 min 36 sec N, 1 deg 49 min 52 sec W	
National Use	127-132	0 Default	0000 00
BCH Encoded	133-144	Errors=0	0010 0101 1011
BCH Generated	133-144		0010 0101 1011



Product Service

Position Error (Ambient)

Position	Latitude	Longitude
Input ①	N 51° 22' 35"	W 001° 49' 50"
Output (as decoded message above)	N 51° 22' 32"	W 001° 49' 56"
Error	148.0 m	

Positional accuracy was estimated using the Haversine Formula, Earth's radius taken as 6367km.

① Input from GPS simulator.

Position Error (+55°C and -20°C)

Position	Latitude	Longitude
Input ①	N 51° 22' 35"	W 001° 49' 50"
Output (as decoded message above)	N 51° 22' 36"	W 001° 49' 52"
Error	50.1 m	

Positional accuracy was estimated using the Haversine Formula, Earth's radius taken as 6367km.

① Input from GPS simulator.

Actual GNSS Self-test Duration

During the capture of the Digital Messages, above, a stopwatch was used to record the following times.

Parameter	Result		
	Low (-20°C)	Ambient	High (+55°C)
Time from button press to GNSS Self-test mode activation	5.87 s	5.91 s	5.82 s
Time from GNSS Self-test mode activation to Indication of success and Burst transmission	36.28 s	58.74	57.84 s
Difference, i.e. Actual GNSS Self-test duration	30.41 s	52.83 s	52.02 s

Note: Input from GPS simulator as per Digital Message and Position Error, above.



Product Service

Maximum GNSS Self-test Duration

The EUT was placed in the GNSS Self-test mode and a stopwatch was used to record the following times:

Parameter	Result		
	Low (-20°C)	Ambient	High (+55°C)
Time from button press to GNSS Self-test mode activation	5.78	5.81 s	5.81 s
Time from GNSS Self-test mode activation to Indication of failure	124.42	124.48 s	124.31
Difference, i.e. Maximum GNSS Self-test duration	118.64 s	118.67 s	118.50 s

Note: No navigation Data input was provided for this test.

Maximum Number of GNSS Self-tests

GNSS Self-tests were conducted repeatedly until the EUT indicated that no more were possible. The maximum number of GNSS Self-tests allowed by the EUT was 12.



Product Service

2.6 THERMAL SHOCK

2.6.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_015

2.6.2 Date of Test and Modification State

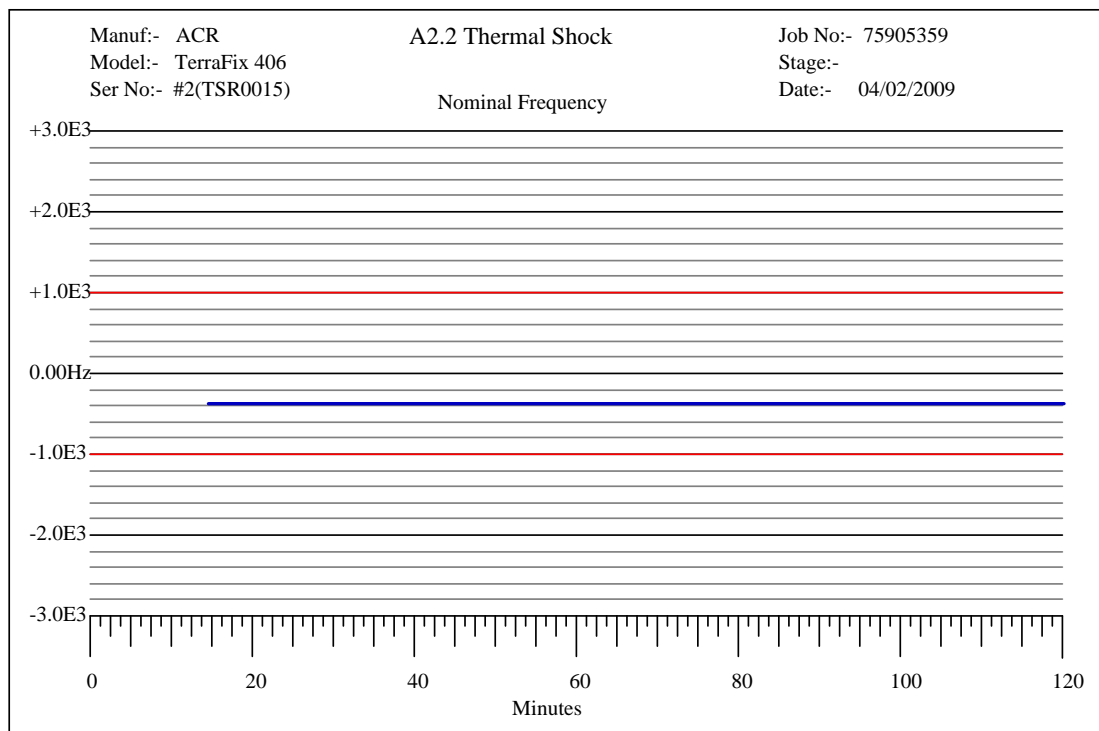
04 February 2009 - Modification State 0

2.6.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.6.4 Test Results

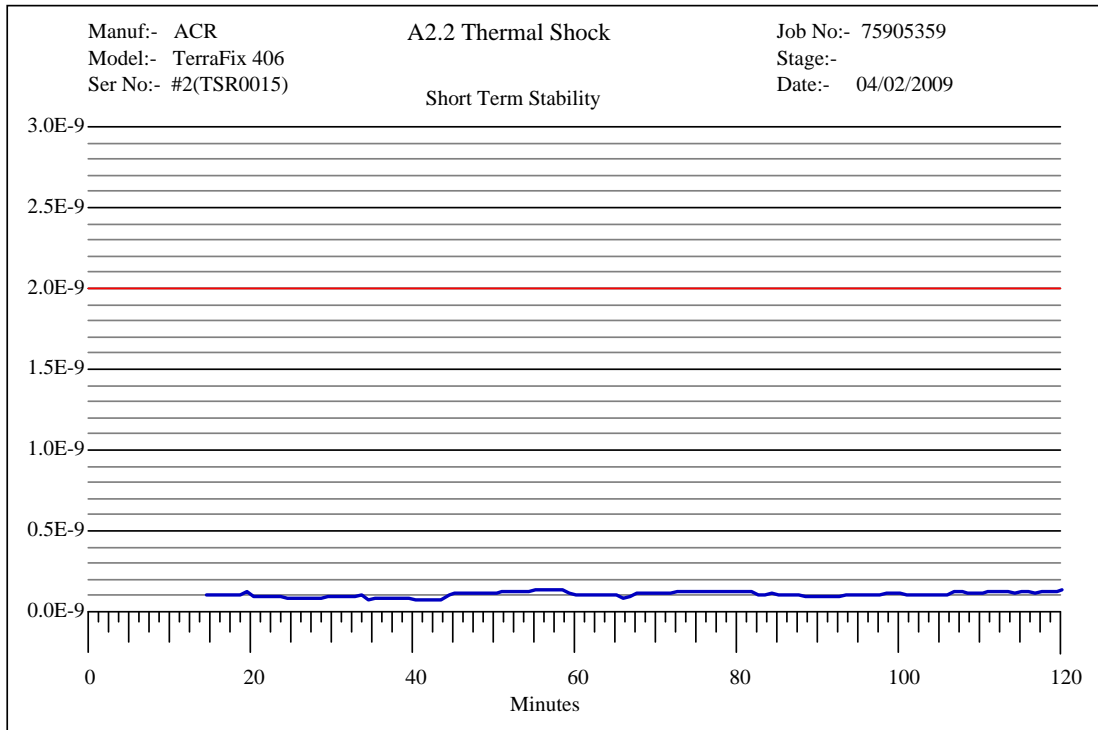
Nominal Frequency





Product Service

Short Term Stability



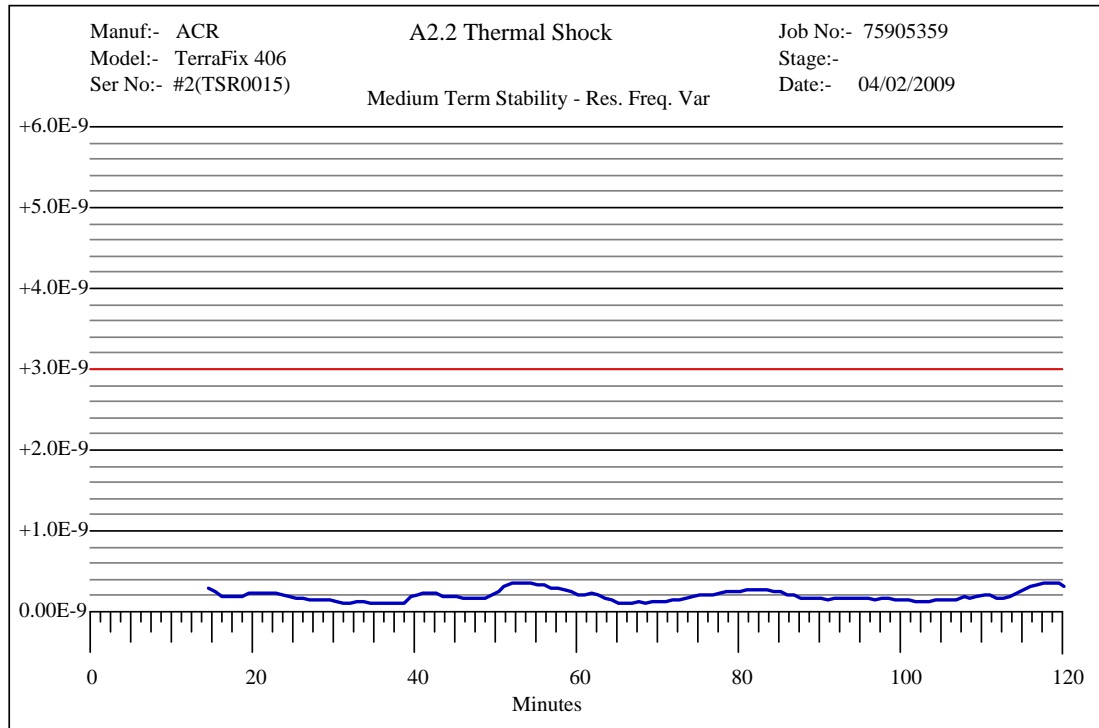
Medium Term Stability, Mean Slope



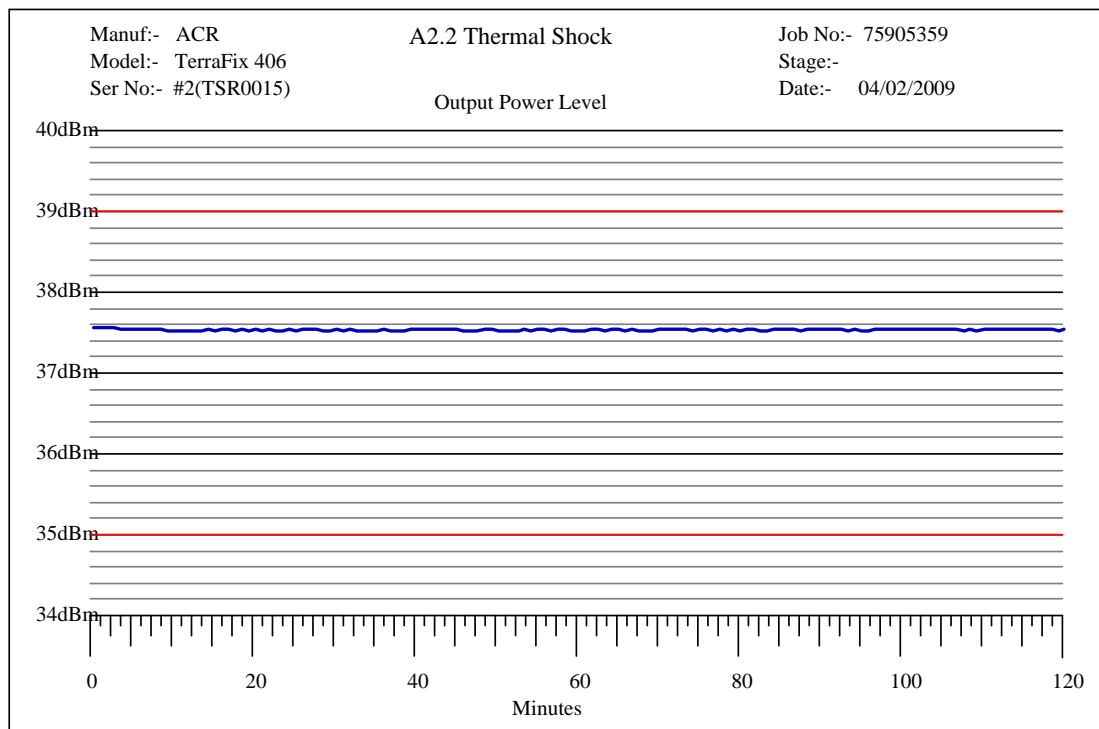


Product Service

Medium Term Stability, Residual Frequency Variation



Output Power





Digital Message

Beacon Id Format..... 30 Hex Id, Long Message, Bits 25-144
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDC5F0002FFBFF 2DDC5F0002FFBFF Default_Id
 36 Hex (Bits 25-144) = FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C

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    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
1  0010 1101 1101 1100 0101 1111 0000 0000 0000 0010 1111 1111 1011 1111 1111
    0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0110 1111 0000 0111 1100 0001 1110 1100 1101 100
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
    86  90  94  98  102  106  110  114  118  122  126  130  134  138  142
  
```

Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	14 Test Serial (Standard)	1110
Spare	41- 64		0010 1111 1000 0000 0000 0001
Coarse Position	65- 85	DEFAULT	0111 1111 1101 1111 1111 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
BCH Generated	86-106		0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
Long Message	107-144	Data Present	
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
Fixed Bit	110	1	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Position Change	113-132	DEFAULT	1000 0011 1110 0000 1111
Resultant Position		--> Not Defined	
BCH Encoded	133-144	Errors=0	0110 0110 1100
BCH Generated	133-144		0110 0110 1100



Product Service

2.7 OPERATING LIFETIME AT MINIMUM TEMPERATURE

2.7.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_015

2.7.2 Date of Test and Modification State

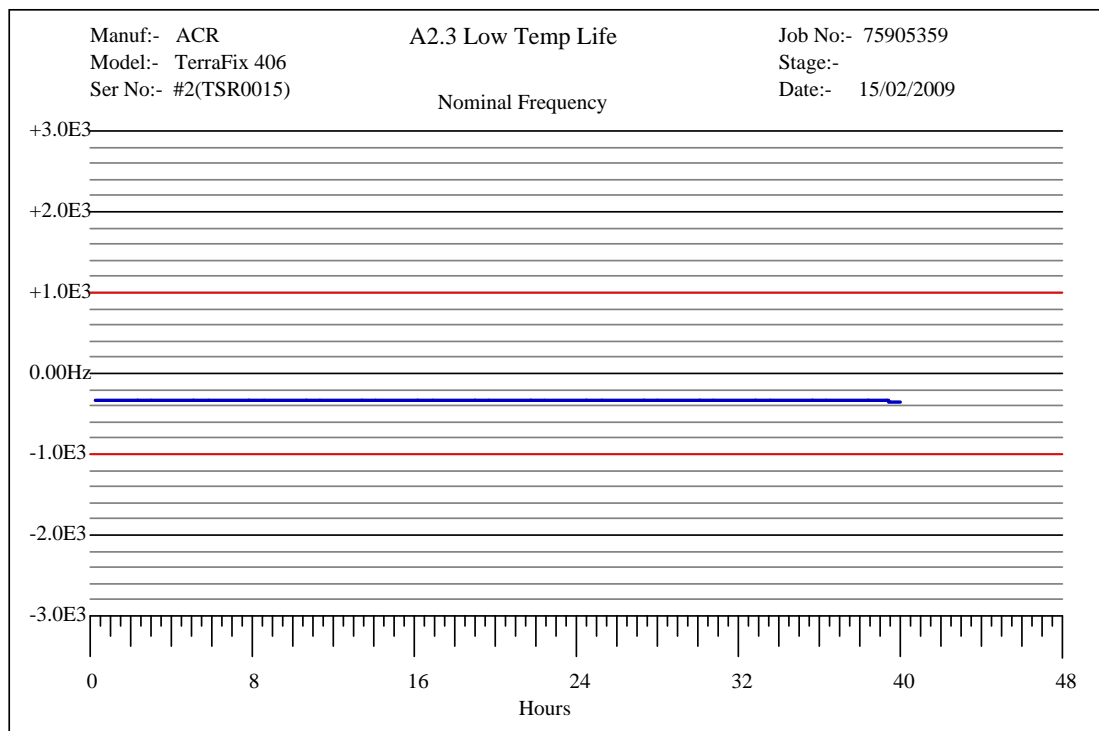
13 February 2009 - Modification State 0

2.7.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.7.4 Test Results

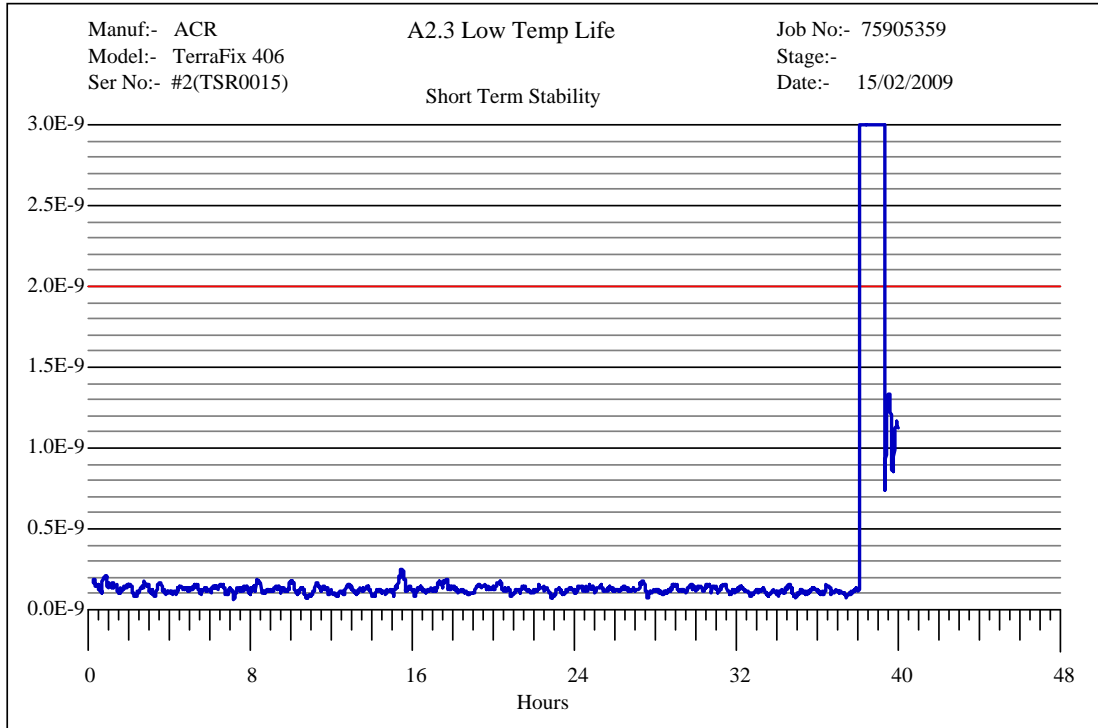
Nominal Frequency



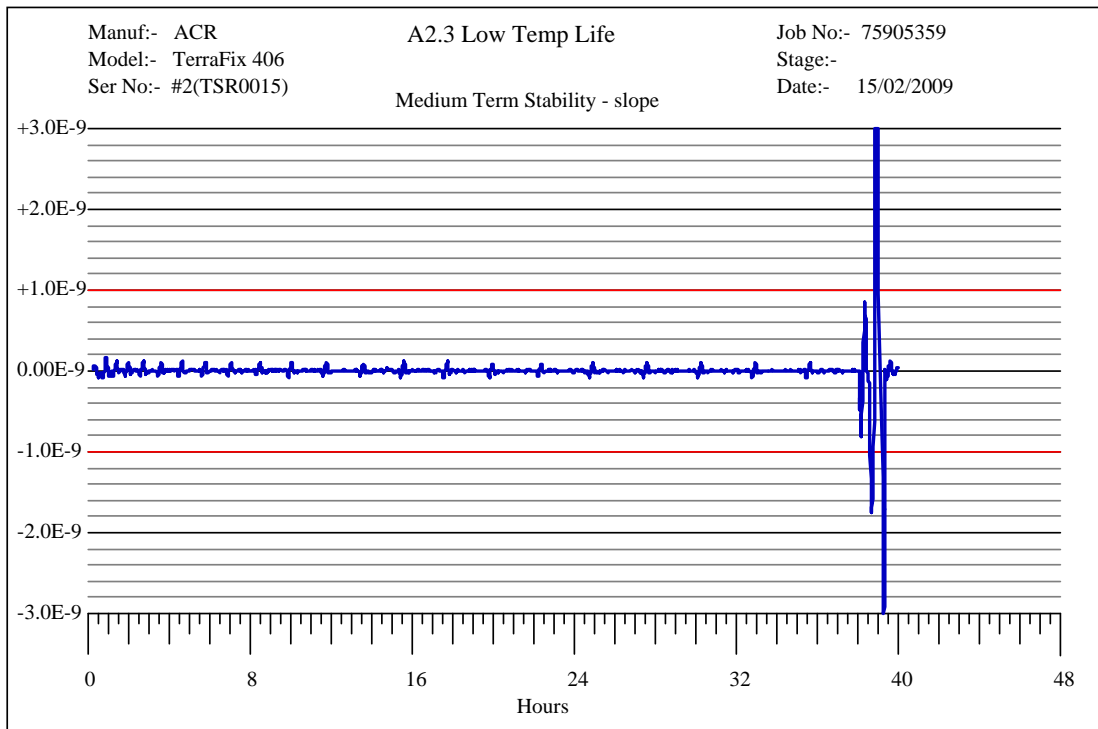


Product Service

Short Term Stability



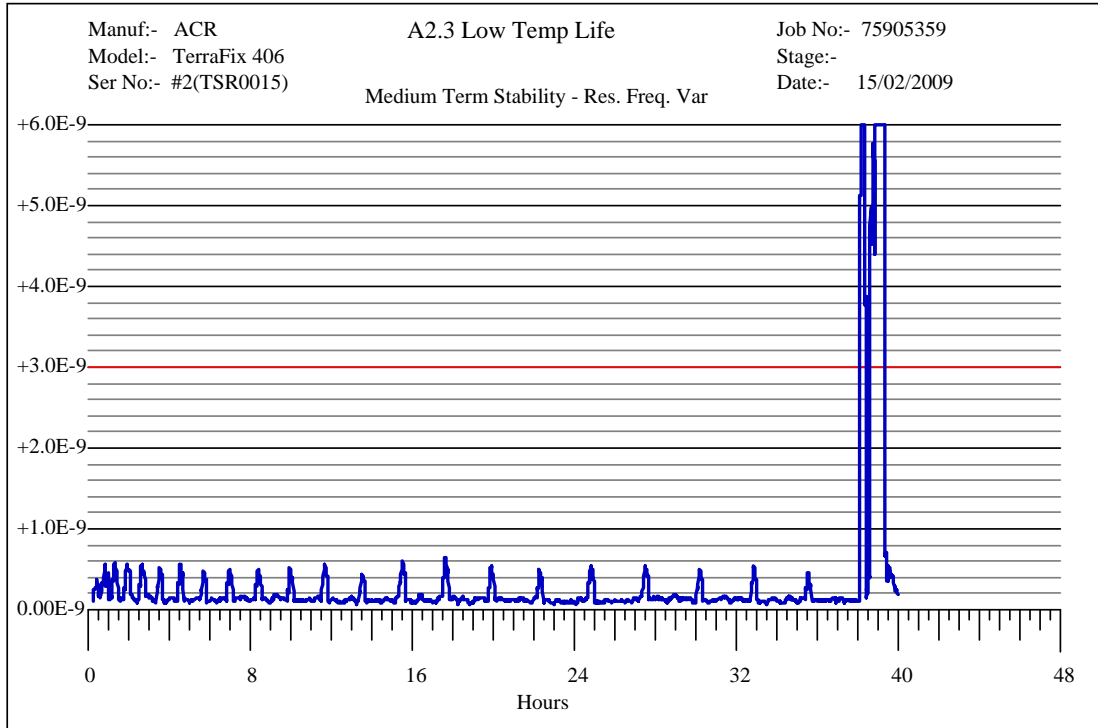
Medium Term Stability, Mean Slope



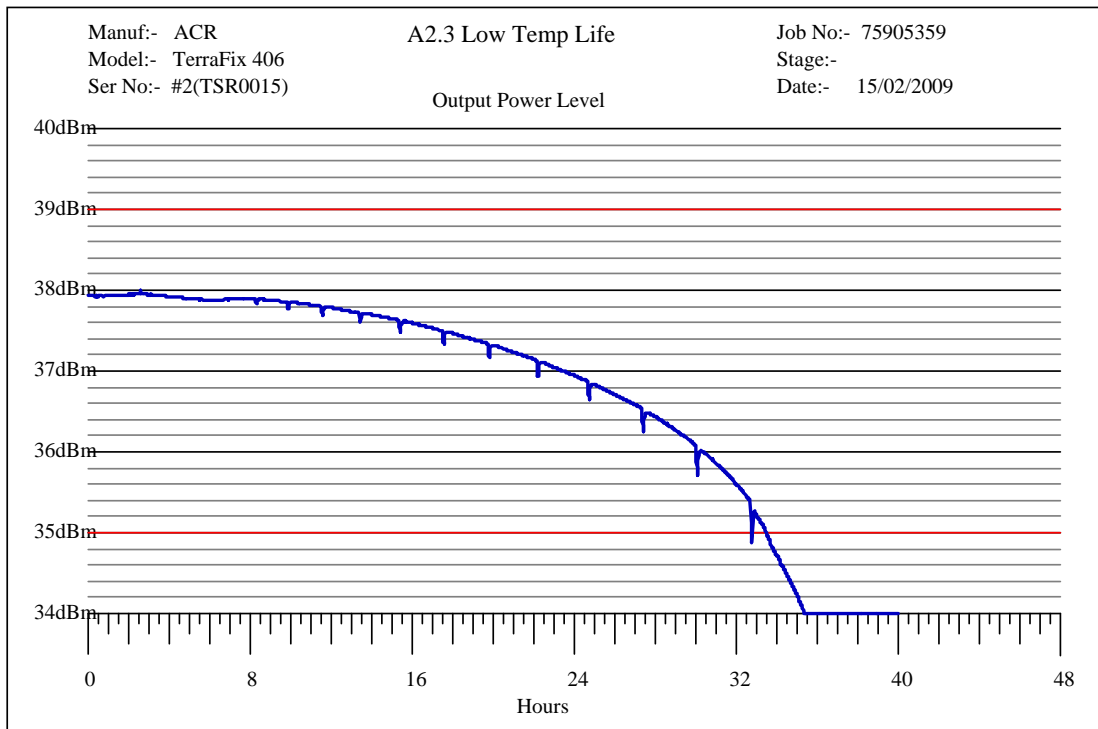


Product Service

Medium Term Stability, Residual Frequency Variation



Output Power





Digital Message

Beacon Id Format..... 30 Hex Id, Long Message, Bits 25-144
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDC5F0002FFBFF 2DDC5F0002FFBFF Default_Id
 36 Hex (Bits 25-144) = FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C

```

    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
1  0010 1101 1101 1100 0101 1111 0000 0000 0000 0010 1111 1111 1011 1111 1111
    0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0110 1111 0000 0111 1100 0001 1110 1100 1101 100
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
    86  90  94  98  102  106  110  114  118  122  126  130  134  138  142
  
```

Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	14 Test Serial (Standard)	1110
Spare	41- 64		0010 1111 1000 0000 0000 0001
Coarse Position	65- 85	DEFAULT	0111 1111 1101 1111 1111 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
BCH Generated	86-106		0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
Long Message	107-144	Data Present	
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
Fixed Bit	110	1	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Position Change	113-132	DEFAULT	1000 0011 1110 0000 1111
Resultant Position		--> Not Defined	
BCH Encoded	133-144	Errors=0	0110 0110 1100
BCH Generated	133-144		0110 0110 1100



Product Service

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"

Beacon activated and transmitting, "Operating Current"

The individual tests were conducted for the following durations:

Standby Current	:	30 minutes	(1799920 ms)
Self-test Current	:	4.88 seconds	(4880 ms)
GPS Test Current	:	128 seconds	(128000 ms)
GPS Burst Current	:	74.16 seconds	(74160 ms)
Operating Current	:	22.51 minutes	(1350560 ms)

Assumptions / Supplied Data

Battery Replacement Interval	:	5.75 years
Battery Capacity	:	1.4 Ah
Battery Self Drain	:	1.00 % per year
Self-test Interval	:	12 tests per year
GPS Tests	:	2.4 tests per year

Test Results

Mode Current	=	Accumulated Charge / Time	
Standby Current	=	50656.47 pC / 1799920 ms	= 0.03 nA
Self-test Current	=	575703 uC / 4880 ms	= 117.97 mA
GPS Test Current	=	2678847.2 uC / 128000 ms	= 20.93 mA
GPS Burst Current	=	2323980 uC / 74160 ms	= 31.34 mA
Operating Current	=	35243603.05 uC / 1350560 ms	= 26.10 mA



Product Service

Battery Preconditioning / Discharge Time Calculations

Battery Self Drain = Capacity - [(100% - Self Drain/Year%)^{Replacement Interval} x Capacity]
= 1.4 - ((1 - 0.0100)⁶ x 1.4) = 0.0786 Ah

Standby Drain = Hours per year x Battery Replacement Interval x Standby Current
= 365 x 24 x 6 x 0.03 x 10⁻⁹ = 0.0000 Ah (0.0012 mAh too small to be relevant)

Worst Case = 1.65 x 0.0000 Ah = 0.0000 Ah

Self-test Drain = Self-tests per battery x Self-test Current x Self-test duration (in hours)
= 12 x 6 x 117.97 x 10⁻³ x (4.88 / 3600) = 0.0110 Ah

Worst Case = 1.65 x 0.0110 Ah = 0.0182 Ah

GPS Test Drain = Self-tests per beacon x Self-test Current x Self-test duration (in hours)
= 2.4 x 6 x 20.93 x 10⁻³ x (128 / 3600) = 0.0103 Ah

Worst Case = 1.65 x 0.0103 Ah = 0.0169 Ah

GPS Burst Drain = GPS-tests per beacon x GPS Burst Current x GPS Burst duration (in hours)
= 2.4 x 6 x 31.34 x 10⁻³ x (74.2 / 3600) = 0.0089 Ah

Worst Case = 1.65 x 0.0089 Ah = 0.0147 Ah

Total Drain = Self Drain + Standby Drain (Worst Case) + Self-test Drain (Worst Case)
= 0.0786 + 0.0000 + 0.0182 + 0.0169 + 0.0147 = 0.1285 Ah

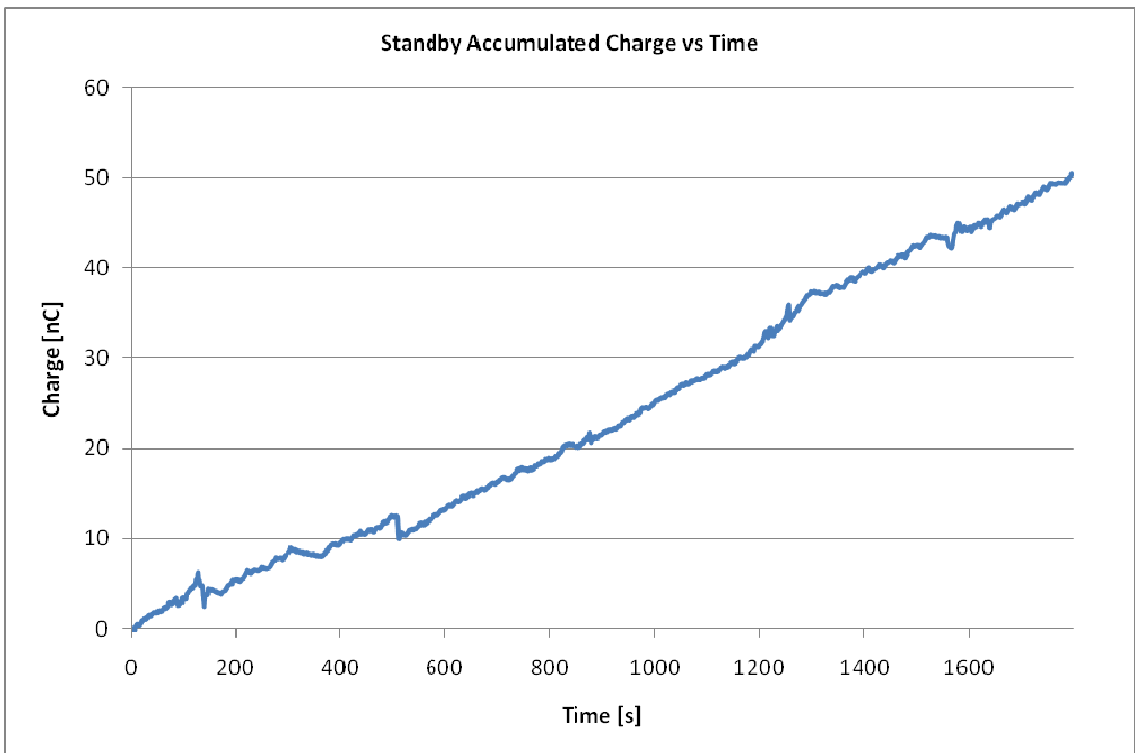
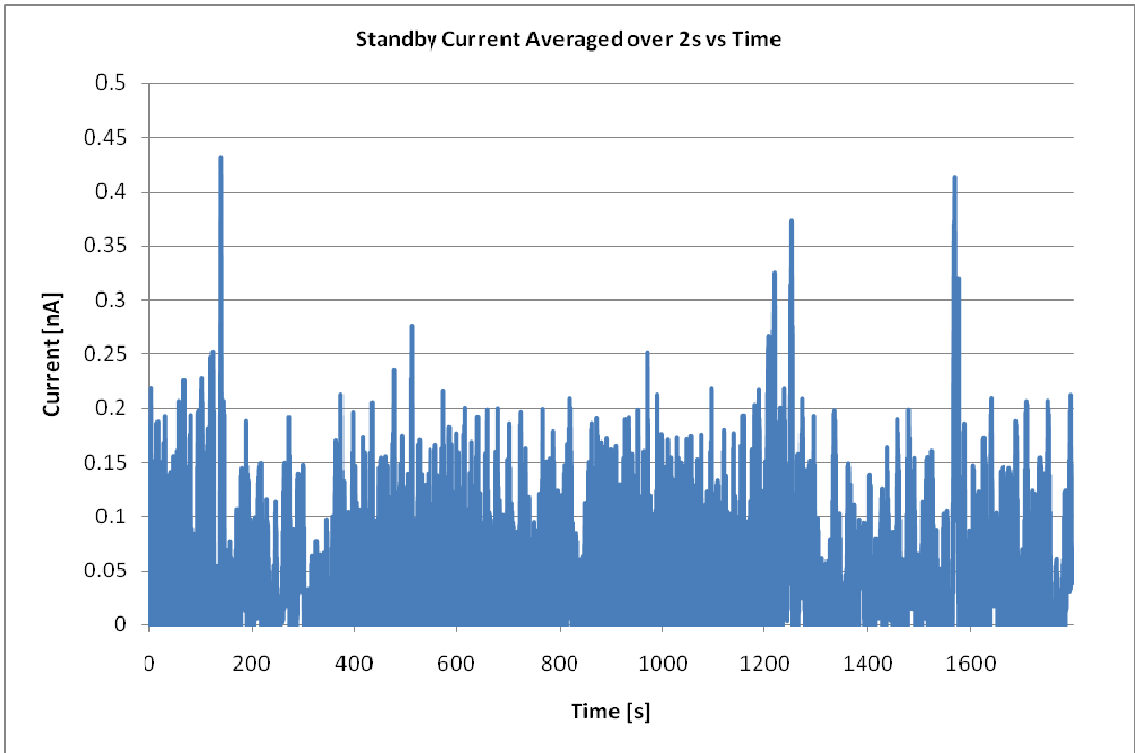
Battery Preconditioning / Discharge Time = Worst Case drain / Operational Current
= 0.1285 / (26.10 x 10⁻³)
= 4.92 hours

4.92 hours = 4 hours 55 minutes, a fresh battery was discharged by operating the beacon in the same configuration as the Operating Current was measured above for 4.29 hours; hence 0.63 hours must be deducted from the final Operating Lifetime Duration to provide an 'Effective Operating Lifetime Duration'. This can be found in the Test Results Table.



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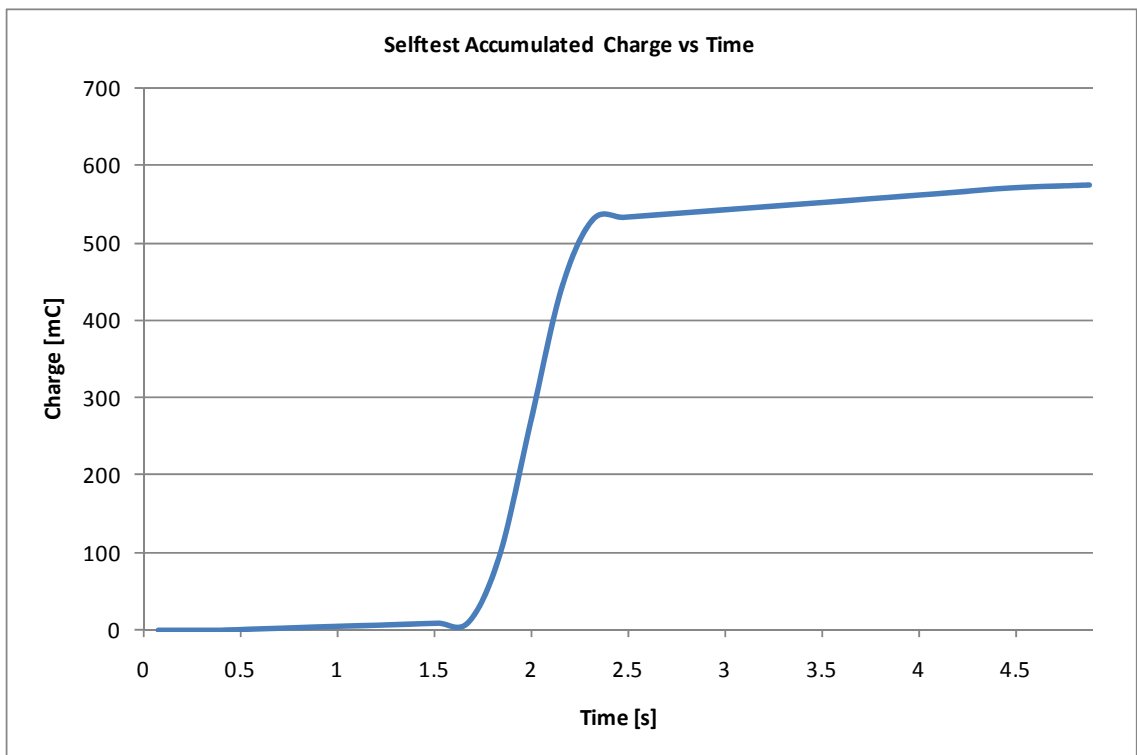
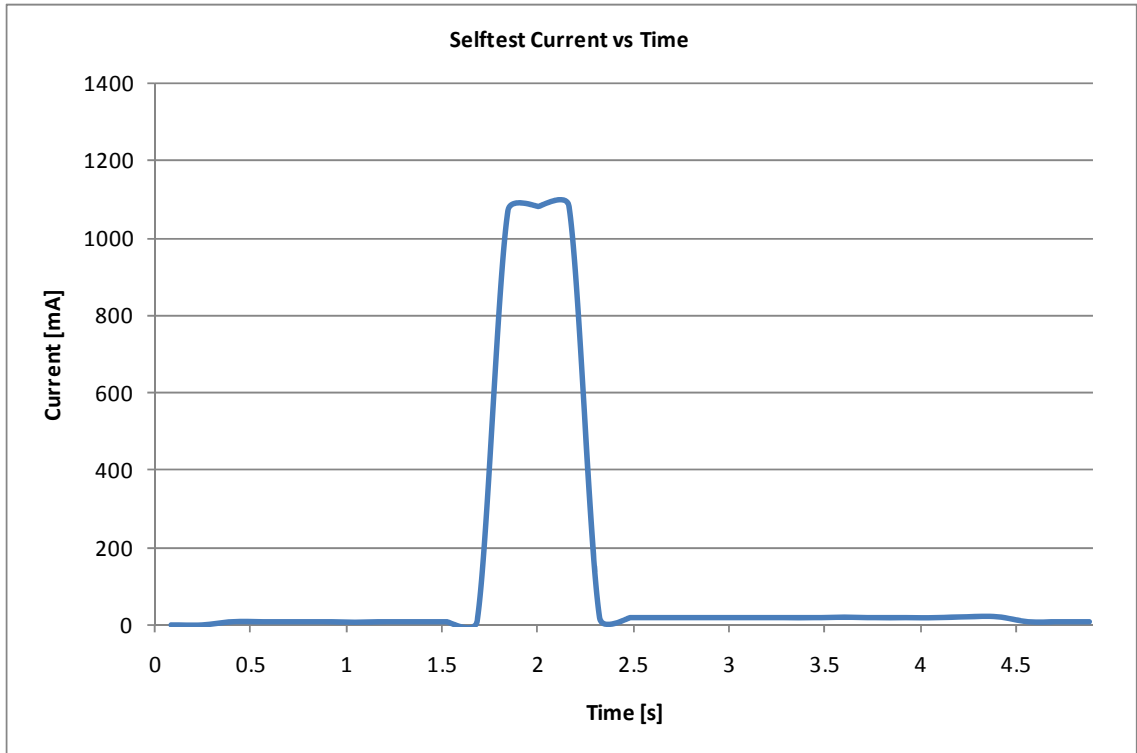
Standby Mode Plots





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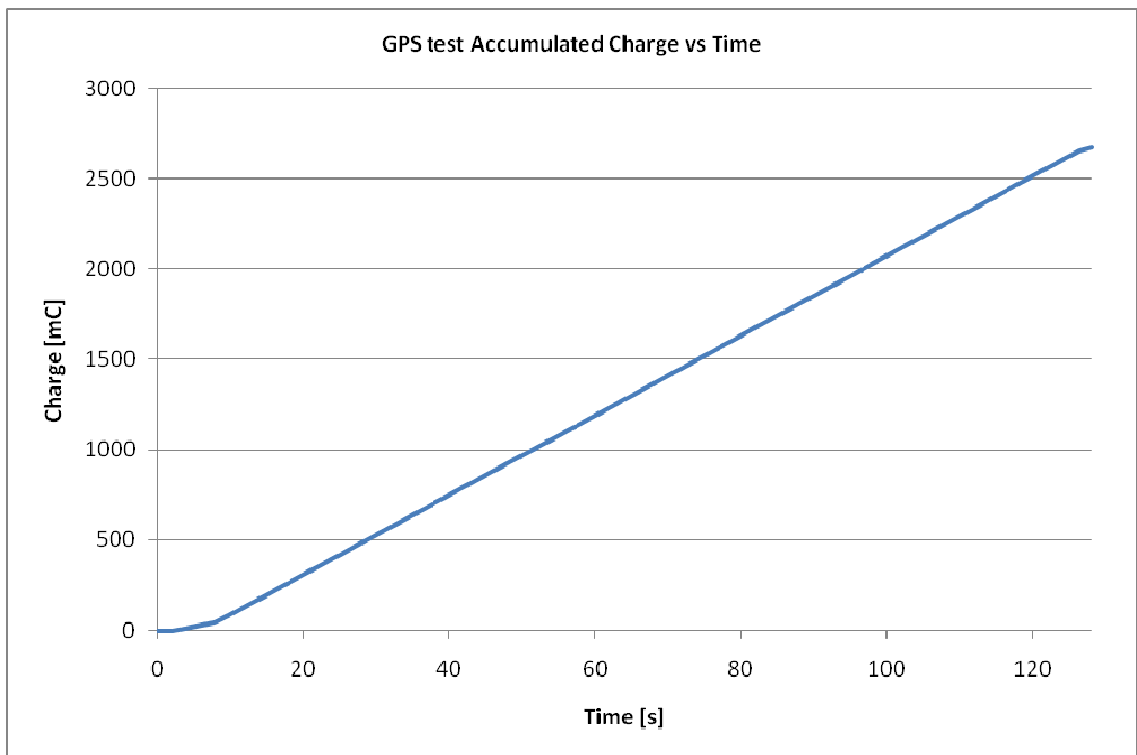
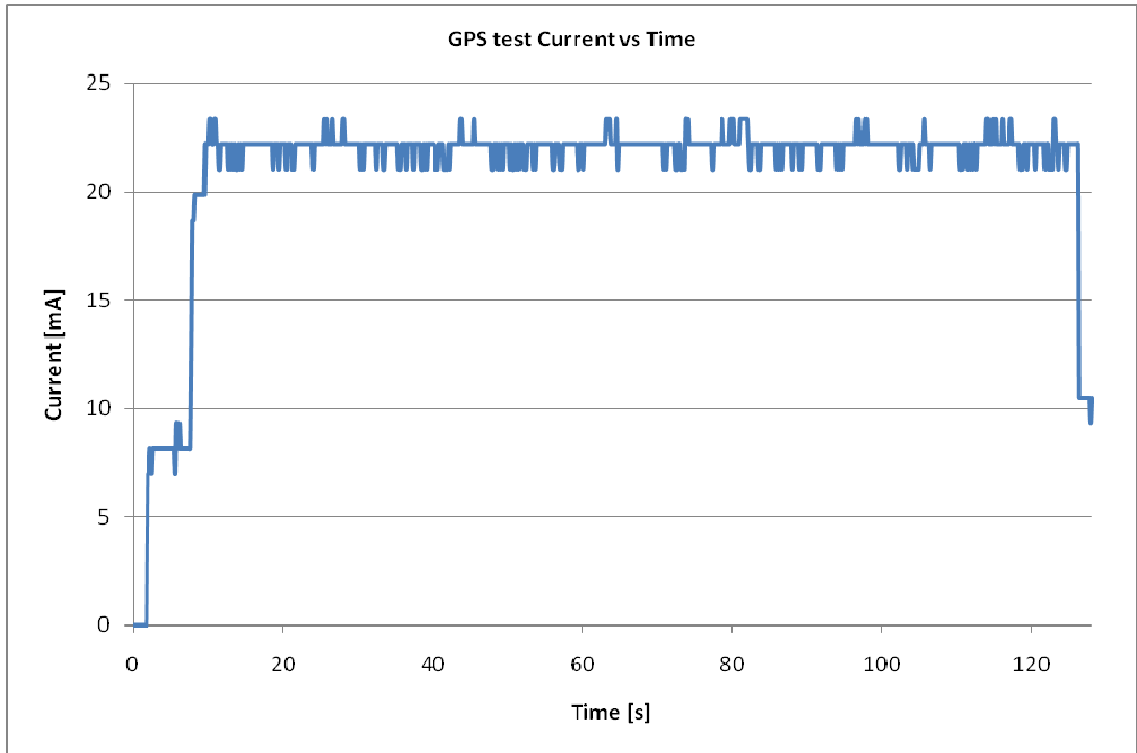
Self-test Plots





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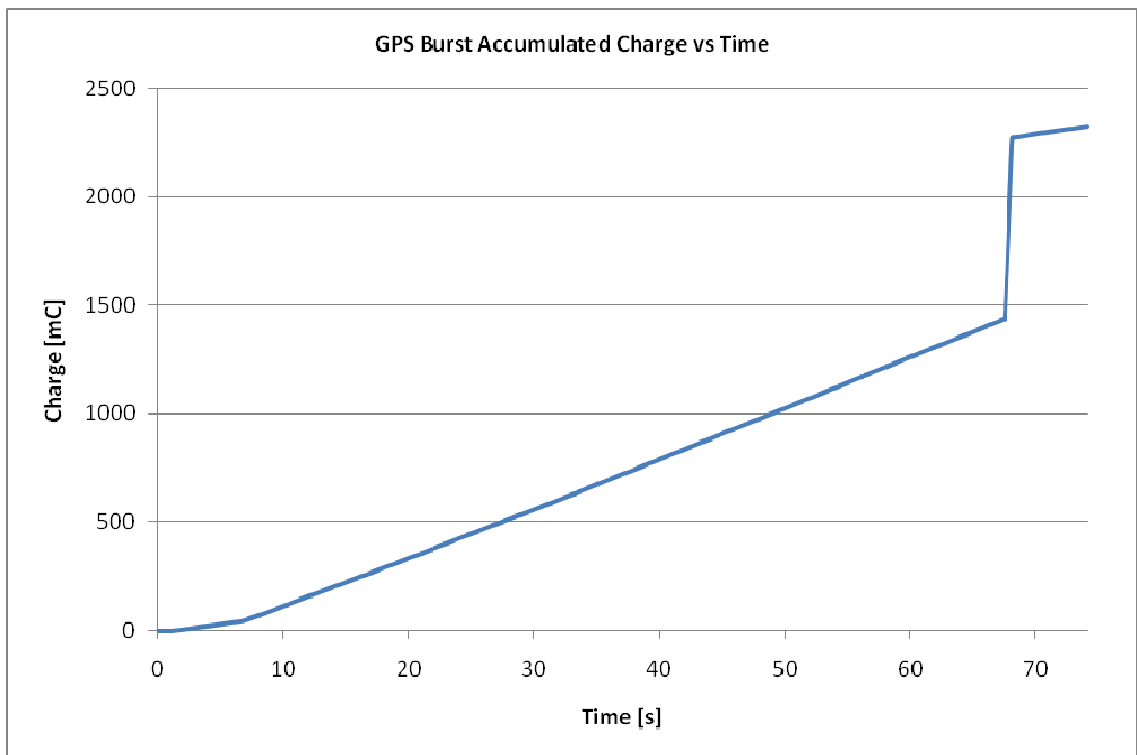
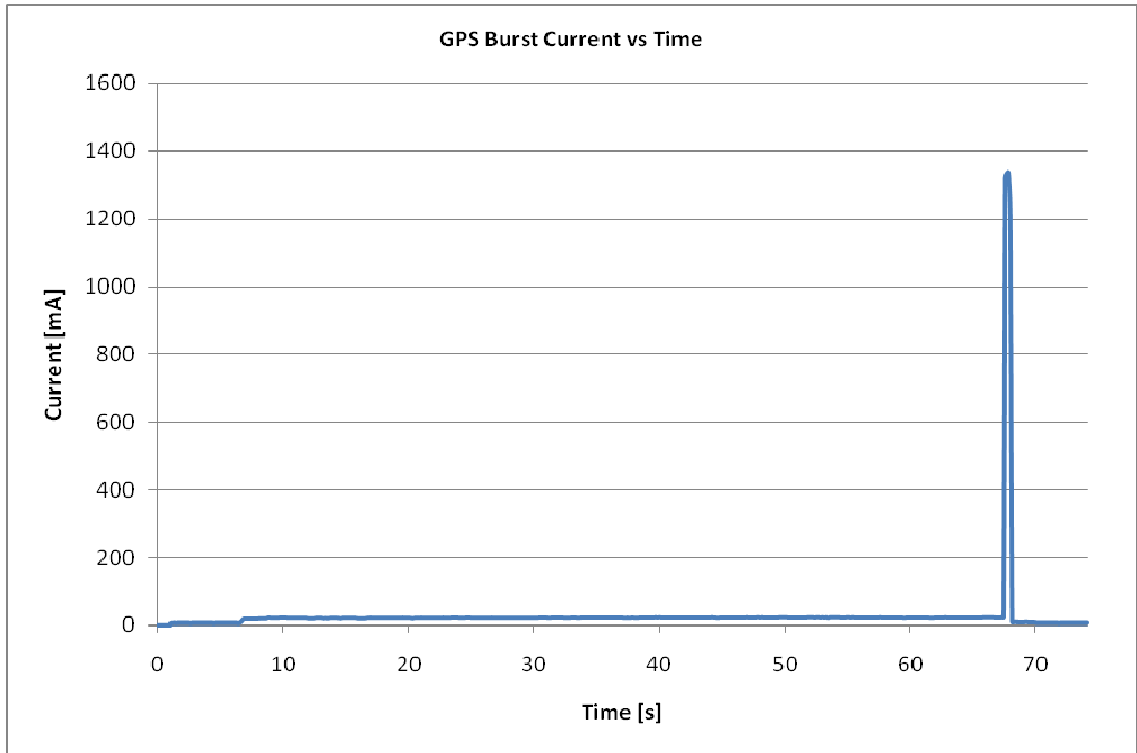
GPS Test Mode Plots





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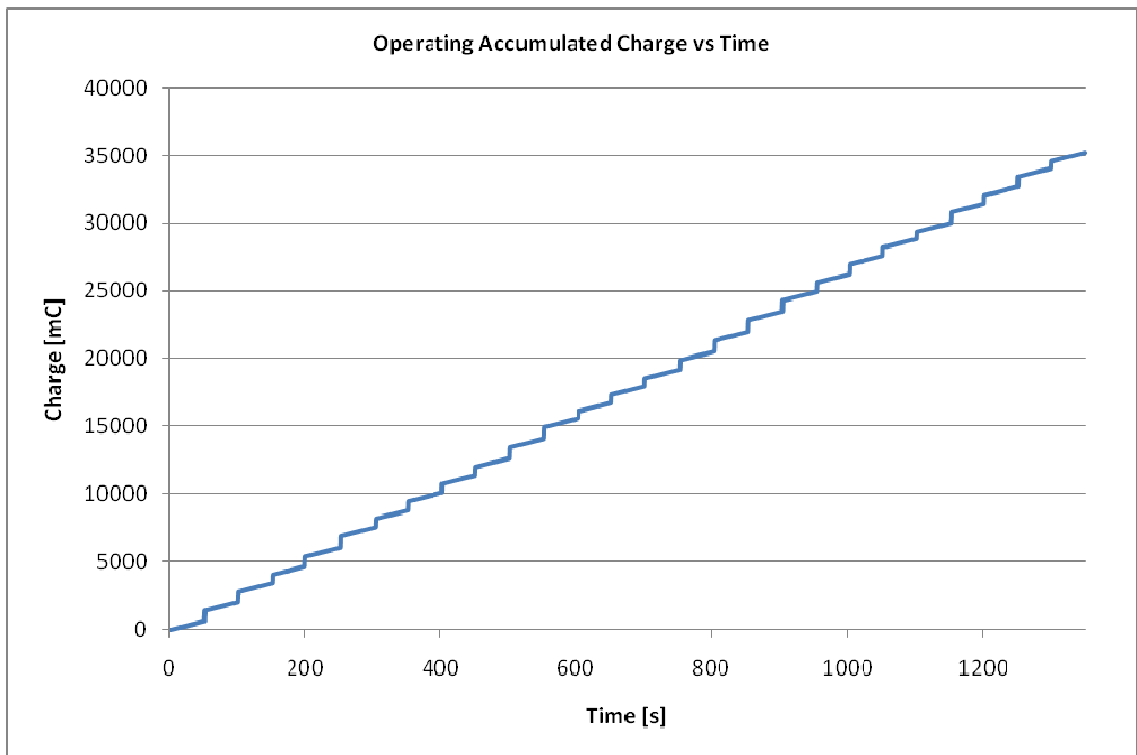
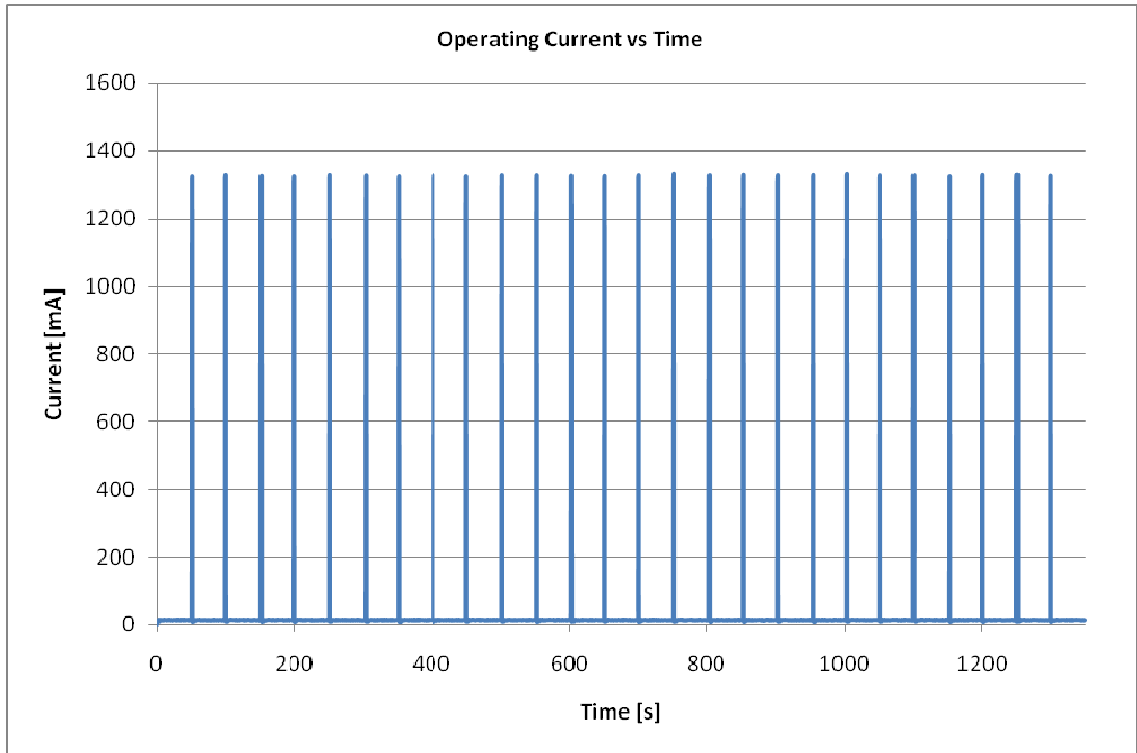
GPS Burst Mode Plots





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Operating Mode Plots





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2.8 FREQUENCY STABILITY WITH TEMPERATURE GRADIENT

2.8.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_015

2.8.2 Date of Test and Modification State

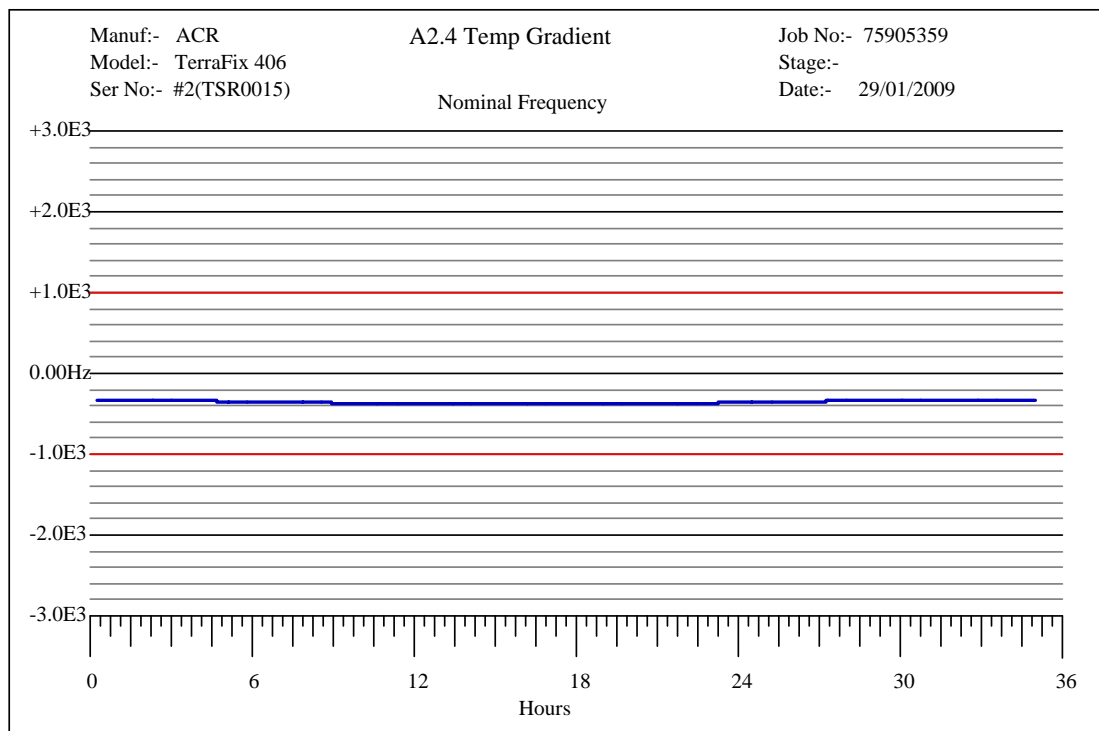
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2.8.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.8.4 Test Results

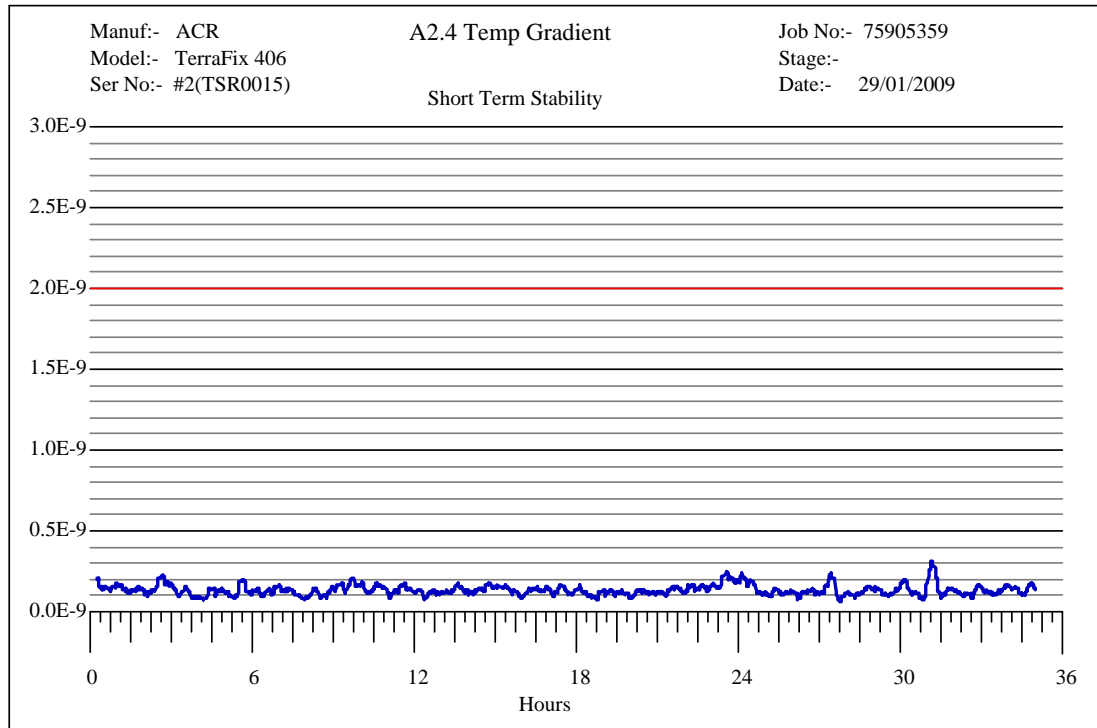
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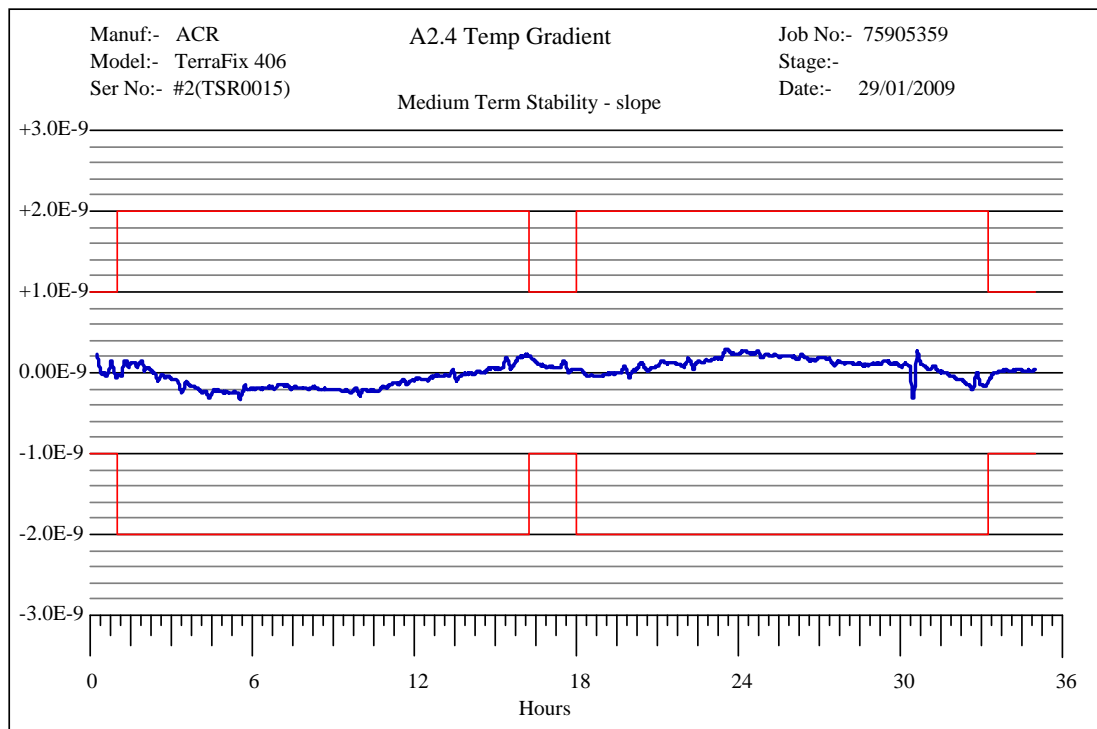


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Short Term Stability



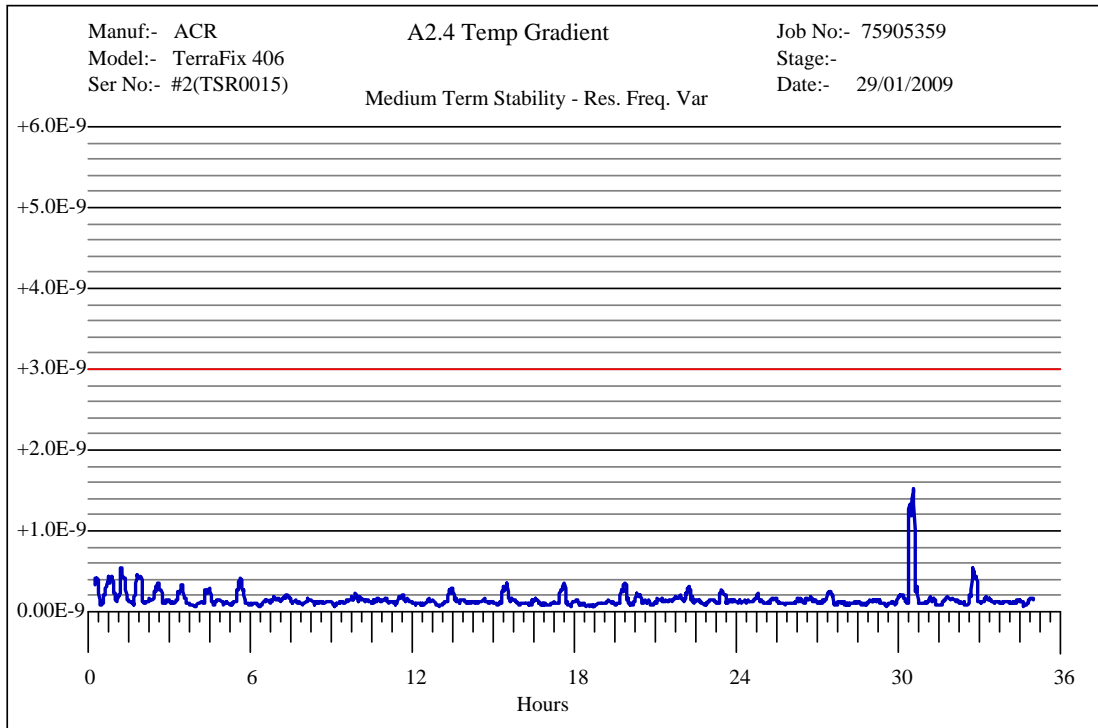
Medium Term Stability, Mean Slope



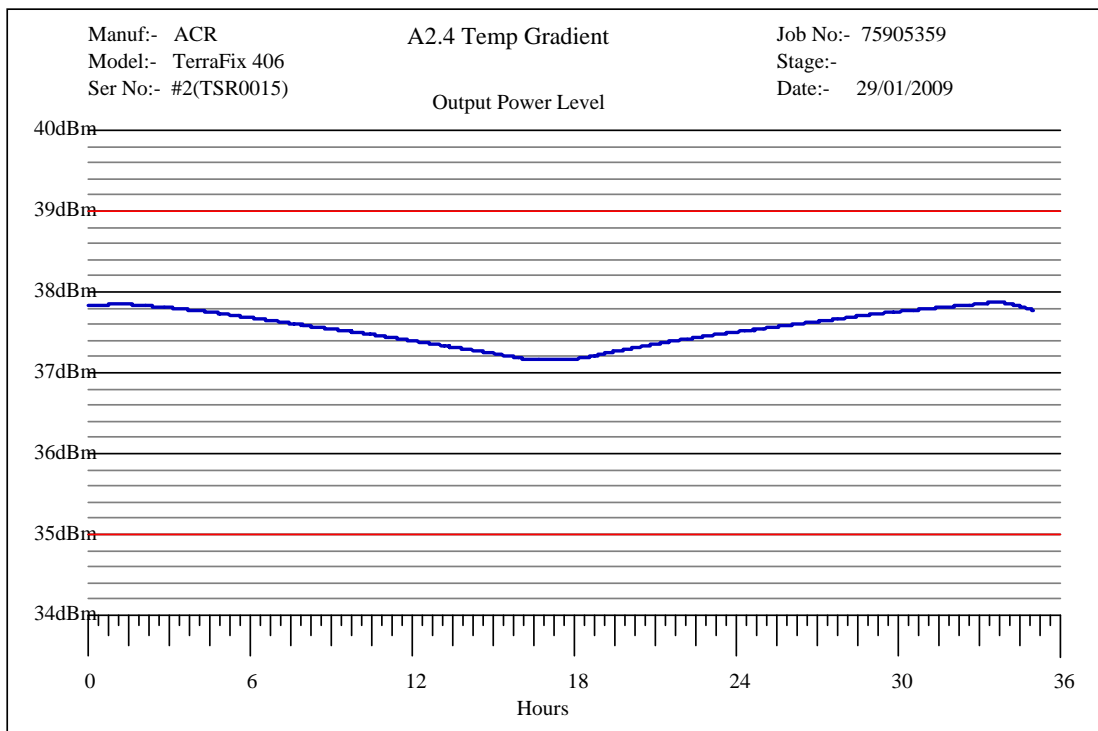


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Medium Term Stability, Residual Frequency Variation



Output Power





Digital Message

Beacon Id Format..... 30 Hex Id, Long Message, Bits 25-144
 15 Hex (Bits 26- 85) = 2DDC5F0002FFBFF 2DDC5F0002FFBFF Default_Id
 36 Hex (Bits 25-144) = FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C

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    26  30  34  38  42  46  50  54  58  62  66  70  74  78  82
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
1  0010 1101 1101 1100 0101 1111 0000 0000 0000 0010 1111 1111 1011 1111 1111
    0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0110 1111 0000 0111 1100 0001 1110 1100 1101 100
    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
    86  90  94  98  102  106  110  114  118  122  126  130  134  138  142
  
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Field Name	Bit Pos	Value Decode	Bits
Format Flag	25	1 Long Message	1
Protocol Flag	26	0 Location NEW	0
MID	27- 36	366 USA	0101 1011 10
Protocol Code	37- 40	14 Test Serial (Standard)	1110
Spare	41- 64		0010 1111 1000 0000 0000 0001
Coarse Position	65- 85	DEFAULT	0111 1111 1101 1111 1111 1
BCH Encoded	86-106	Errors=0	0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
BCH Generated	86-106		0001 1101 0100 1110 0011 0
Long Message	107-144	Data Present	
Fixed Bits	107-109		110
Fixed Bit	110	1	1
Encode Pos Device	111	1 Internal	1
121.5 Homing	112	1 YES	1
Position Change	113-132	DEFAULT	1000 0011 1110 0000 1111
Resultant Position		--> Not Defined	
BCH Encoded	133-144	Errors=0	0110 0110 1100
BCH Generated	133-144		0110 0110 1100



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2.9 SATELLITE QUALITATIVE TESTS

2.9.1 Equipment Under Test

Runs 1 & 3 PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_007
 Runs 2 & 4 PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_016

2.9.2 Date of Test and Modification State

Run 1 – 25 and 26 February 2009 16:58 to 08:26 - Modification State 0
 Run 2 – 26 and 27 February 2009 17:27 to 08:27 - Modification State 0
 Run 3 – 04 to 05 March 2009 16:50 to 10:00 - Modification State 0
 Run 4 – 30 to 31 March 2009 10:20 to 09:20 - Modification State 0

2.9.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.9.4 Test Results

Run 1, Configuration 7, Sample: Serial Number: #22 (TUV 007)

Beacon 15 Hex ID: 2DDC5 F000A FFBFF
 Actual location of the test beacon: Latitude: 052° 14.447'N
 Longitude: 001° 43.970'W

Beacon test configuration: C/S T.007 Configuration 7

Satellite ID	Satellite Pass Number	15 Hex ID Provided by LUT	Doppler Latitude	Doppler Longitude	Mean Rx Power (dBm)	TCA	CTA (deg)	Location Error (km)
S11	12226	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.23194	-1.72168	-132.44	08:16:22	-19.405	1.242
S7	56099	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24252	-1.72424	-131.91	07:51:13	17.445	0.616
S8	43464	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24132	-1.72206	-124.90	07:38:26	10.694	0.735
S7	56098	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24157	-1.72566	-126.11	06:12:23	4.405	0.496
S7	56097	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.23955	-1.72216	-127.19	04:32:12	-10.681	0.739
S8	43463	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.23947	-1.72081	-126.45	05:58:06	-3.709	0.831
S10	19429	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24216	-1.72564	-131.03	04:26:40	15.449	0.513
S8	43462	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.23566	-1.72230	-131.93	04:16:18	-19.277	0.915
S10	19428	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.23885	-1.71741	-124.61	02:46:44	1.883	1.071
S10	19427	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.23667	-1.72317	-129.03	01:05:23	-13.504	0.801
S9	34691	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24590	-1.72026	-127.61	22:14:08	-11.580	1.027
S11	12220	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24611	-1.71697	-123.92	21:46:31	-8.112	1.231
S9	34690	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24972	-1.72433	-124.97	20:33:48	3.586	1.149
S11	12219	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24650	-1.73130	-122.35	20:06:21	6.787	0.644
S11	12218	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24401	-1.73361	-128.95	18:27:32	19.284	0.362
S8	43456	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24291	-1.71652	-122.25	17:42:21	-8.373	1.135
S9	34689	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.25034	-1.75285	-130.73	18:54:50	16.827	1.727
S7	56091	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24115	-1.71855	-129.98	18:03:40	-16.870	0.973

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ratio of successful solutions} &= \frac{\text{number of Doppler solution within 5km with } 1^\circ < \text{CTA} < 21^\circ}{\text{number of satellite passes over test duration with } 1^\circ < \text{CTA} < 21^\circ} \\ &= \frac{18}{18} = 100.0\% \end{aligned}$$



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Run 2, Configuration 7, Sample: Serial Number: #5 (TUV 016)

Beacon 15 Hex ID: 2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF
 Actual location of the test beacon: Latitude: 052° 14.447'N
 Longitude: 001° 43.970'W

Beacon test configuration: C/S T.007 Configuration 7

Satellite ID	Satellite Pass Number	15 Hex ID Provided by LUT	Doppler Latitude	Doppler Longitude	Mean Rx Power (dBm)	TCA	CTA (deg)	Location Error (km)
S9	34705	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24460	-1.71679	-121.62	21:50:41	-7.991	1.171
S11	12235	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24142	-1.72538	-131.77	23:07:01	-20.406	0.512
S11	12234	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24403	-1.71810	-122.54	21:25:40	-4.924	1.065
S9	34704	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24710	-1.72976	-125.05	20:10:41	6.894	0.732
S11	12233	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24612	-1.72953	-123.71	19:45:47	9.632	0.634
S8	43470	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24488	-1.71736	-122.63	17:30:28	-6.530	1.147
S9	34703	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.23552	-1.68713	-129.96	18:32:01	19.392	3.165
S7	56105	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24548	-1.72042	-126.93	17:39:25	-13.161	0.993
S9	34711	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.20040	-1.70423	-133.07	08:19:21	-19.377	4.892
S7	56113	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24147	-1.72207	-128.55	07:27:41	14.617	0.736
S7	56111	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.24080	-1.72009	-123.47	04:08:00	-14.392	0.867
S10	19443	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.23950	-1.72243	-127.21	04:16:18	14.173	0.722
S10	19441	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	52.23760	-1.72351	-131.06	00:54:42	-15.146	0.726

$$\text{Ratio of successful solutions} = \frac{\text{number of Doppler solution within 5km with } 1^\circ < \text{CTA} < 21^\circ}{\text{number of satellite passes over test duration with } 1^\circ < \text{CTA} < 21^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{13}{13} = 100.0\%$$



Product Service

Run 3 Configuration 8, Sample: Serial Number: #22 (TUV_007)

Beacon 15 Hex ID: 2DDC5 F000A FFBFF
 Actual location of the test beacon: Latitude: 052° 14.447'N
 Longitude: 001° 43.970'W

Satellite ID	Satellite Pass Number	15 Hex ID Provided by LUT	Doppler Latitude	Doppler Longitude	Mean Rx Power (dBm)	TCA	CTA (deg)	Location Error (km)
S9	34791	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24257	-1.71841	-127.68	22:51:59	-17.451	1.001
S11	12320	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24033	-1.71650	-123.92	22:42:23	-16.681	1.113
S11	12319	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24424	-1.72416	-118.16	21:01:25	-1.251	0.704
S9	34790	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24462	-1.71962	-123.73	21:11:06	-2.025	0.995
S9	34789	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24369	-1.72873	-123.55	19:31:37	12.161	0.427
S11	12318	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24608	-1.72700	-120.41	19:21:52	12.802	0.710
S8	43555	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24832	-1.71918	-125.05	18:00:32	-10.999	1.251
S7	56190	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24519	-1.72319	-123.48	16:55:25	-6.438	0.819
S10	19527	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.24127	-1.72308	-124.71	03:13:42	5.757	0.666
S10	19526	2DDC5 F000A FFBFF	52.23920	-1.72359	-126.59	01:32:44	-9.323	0.653

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ratio of successful solutions} &= \frac{\text{number of Doppler solution within 5km with } 1^\circ < \text{CTA} < 21^\circ}{\text{number of satellite passes over test duration with } 1^\circ < \text{CTA} < 21^\circ} \\
 &= \frac{10}{10} = 100.0\%
 \end{aligned}$$



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Test 4, Configuration 8, Sample: Serial Number: #5 (TUV 016)

Beacon 15 Hex ID:

2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF

Actual location of the test beacon:

Latitude: 050° 49.091'N

Longitude: 001° 11.870'W

Satellite ID	Satellite Pass Number	15 Hex ID Provided by LUT	Doppler Latitude	Doppler Longitude	Mean Rx Power (dBm)	TCA	CTA (deg)	Location Error (km)
S9	35161	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82116	-1.19497	-124.05	22:47:16	-17.557	0.387
S11	12689	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82341	-1.19213	-118.36	22:03:25	-11.022	0.705
S9	35160	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82411	-1.19059	-119.44	21:06:26	-1.653	0.832
S11	12688	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82617	-1.20158	-117.72	20:23:01	4.587	0.926
S11	12687	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81520	-1.22732	-120.02	18:44:02	18.143	2.097
S9	35159	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82607	-1.20338	-122.15	19:27:01	12.977	0.959
S7	56561	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82099	-1.19237	-124.79	18:13:24	-19.086	0.494
S8	43922	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82421	-1.18931	-120.58	17:54:59	-9.799	0.898
S7	56560	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82523	-1.18592	-118.77	16:32:28	-3.163	1.146
S8	43921	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82686	-1.20481	-120.16	16:14:08	5.759	1.081
S7	56559	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82674	-1.20495	-121.18	14:52:59	11.651	1.074
S8	43920	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82423	-1.21084	-124.73	14:34:42	18.996	1.134
S10	19886	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82240	-1.18883	-120.41	13:44:27	-6.595	0.787
S11	12683	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82008	-1.20009	-118.06	12:15:03	16.474	0.264
S11	12682	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81639	-1.19117	-109.45	10:35:52	2.547	0.508
S10	19885	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82436	-1.20240	-120.96	12:03:46	8.703	0.758
S9	35154	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81518	-1.18994	-121.50	11:20:08	9.022	0.647
S9	35153	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81544	-1.19808	-120.54	09:40:20	-6.160	0.305
S7	56569	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81995	-1.19699	-125.20	08:01:14	19.925	0.205
S8	43930	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.82036	-1.19163	-120.93	07:51:33	12.789	0.498
S7	56568	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81948	-1.18973	-120.20	06:22:40	6.883	0.587
S8	43929	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81737	-1.21955	-120.19	06:11:25	-1.864	1.527
S7	56567	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81969	-1.19580	-119.80	04:42:42	-8.503	0.220
S8	43928	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81505	-1.20314	-125.41	04:29:49	-17.871	0.510
S10	19894	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81906	-1.19403	-120.80	03:42:10	10.595	0.284
S10	19893	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.81638	-1.18864	-119.58	02:01:41	-4.448	0.676
S10	19892	2DDC5 F0006 FFBFF	50.83161	-1.21606	-125.35	00:19:41	-20.553	1.966

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ratio of successful solutions} &= \frac{\text{number of Doppler solution within 5km with } 1^\circ < \text{CTA} < 21^\circ}{\text{number of satellite passes over test duration with } 1^\circ < \text{CTA} < 21^\circ} \\ &= \frac{27}{27} = 100.0\% \end{aligned}$$



2.10 ANTENNA CHARACTERISTICS

2.10.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_007
 PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_016

2.10.2 Date of Test and Modification State

21 February 2009 (Configuration B2) - Modification State 0
 24 February 2009 (Configuration B5) - Modification State 0

2.10.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.10.4 Test Results

Antenna Model A3-06-2493 Serial Number: #22, (TUV 007), Configuration: C/S T.007 Figure B.5

Azimuth Angle (degrees)	Elevation Angle (degrees)									
	10		20		30		40		50	
	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi
0	39.7	2.23	40.3	2.87	38.5	1.09	35.6	-1.86	33.7	-3.81
90	39.8	2.29	40.4	2.92	38.7	1.28	36.3	-1.13	35.3	-2.20
180	40.0	2.58	40.9	3.48	39.5	2.08	37.1	-0.32	36.1	-1.35
270	40.0	2.57	40.9	3.39	39.2	1.72	36.4	-1.10	34.1	-3.38

$$EIRP_{LOSS} = P_{t_{amb}} - P_{t_{EOL}} = (37.46 - 36.94) = 0.52dB$$

$$EIRP_{maxEOL} = MAX [EIRP_{max}, (EIRP_{max} - EIRP_{LOSS})] = MAX (40.9, 40.4) = 40.4dBm$$

$$EIRP_{minEOL} = MIN [EIRP_{min}, (EIRP_{min} - EIRP_{LOSS})] = MIN (33.7, 33.1) = 33.1dBm$$

$P_{t_{amb}}$ is the power at ambient from the summary table

$P_{t_{EOL}}$ is the power at the end of Operating Life at Minimum Temperature

$EIRP_{max}$ is the maximum EIRP from the antenna characteristics spreadsheet

$EIRP_{min}$ is the minimum EIRP from the antenna characteristics spreadsheet



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Antenna Model A3-06-2493 Serial Number: #5, (TUV 016), Configuration: C/S T.007 Figure B.5

Azimuth Angle (degrees)	Elevation Angle (degrees)									
	10		20		30		40		50	
	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi
0	40.6	3.10	40.9	3.47	39.1	1.61	35.9	-1.51	33.7	-3.76
90	40.5	3.03	40.9	3.48	39.1	1.67	35.7	-1.78	34.3	-3.15
180	40.9	3.46	41.5	4.06	39.8	2.37	36.6	-0.85	35.7	-1.71
270	40.9	3.40	41.4	3.94	39.8	2.30	36.7	-0.73	34.6	-2.83

$$EIRP_{LOSS} = P_{t_{amb}} - P_{t_{EOL}} = (37.46 - 36.94) = 0.52dB$$

$$EIRP_{maxEOL} = MAX [EIRP_{max}, (EIRP_{max} - EIRP_{LOSS})] = MAX (41.5, 41.0) = 41.5dBm$$

$$EIRP_{minEOL} = MIN [EIRP_{min}, (EIRP_{min} - EIRP_{LOSS})] = MIN (33.7, 33.2) = 33.2dBm$$

$P_{t_{amb}}$ is the power at ambient from the summary table

$P_{t_{EOL}}$ is the power at the end of Operating Life at Minimum Temperature

$EIRP_{max}$ is the maximum EIRP from the antenna characteristics spreadsheet

$EIRP_{min}$ is the minimum EIRP from the antenna characteristics spreadsheet



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Antenna Model A3-06-2493 Serial Number: #22, (TUV 007), Configuration: C/S T.007 Figure B.2

Azimuth Angle (degrees)	Elevation Angle (degrees)									
	10		20		30		40		50	
	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi
0	39.7	2.28	42.2	4.76	42.9	5.40	36.8	-0.68	32.7	-4.79
30	39.7	2.29	42.1	4.67	42.7	5.20	36.9	-0.51	32.7	-4.75
60	39.5	2.07	41.8	4.36	42.6	5.10	37.3	-0.15	33.1	-4.39
90	39.6	2.17	41.8	4.37	42.6	5.12	37.6	0.14	32.8	-4.66
120	39.6	2.18	41.9	4.47	42.4	4.92	37.4	-0.07	32.8	-4.67
150	39.4	1.89	42.0	4.58	42.6	5.14	37.6	0.14	32.4	-5.05
180	39.2	1.78	41.8	4.39	42.6	5.13	37.3	-0.15	32.4	-5.41
210	39.6	2.16	41.9	4.48	42.6	5.12	37.2	-0.26	31.3	-6.15
240	39.9	2.47	41.9	4.49	42.5	5.01	37.3	-0.20	30.8	-6.67
270	40.1	2.66	41.8	4.37	42.5	5.00	36.9	-0.57	30.8	-6.64
300	39.9	2.47	41.9	4.48	42.8	5.31	36.6	-0.84	30.8	-6.64
330	39.9	2.39	41.8	4.37	42.7	5.21	36.7	-0.79	32.2	-5.28
Gain Variation	0.88		0.40		0.48		0.98		2.28	

Azimuth Angle (degrees)	Elevation Angle (degrees)									
	10		20		30		40		50	
	Vv	Vh	Vv	Vh	Vv	Vh	Vv	Vh	Vv	Vh
0	111.60	90.50	113.70	86.50	113.60	92.80	106.40	89.70	100.50	89.90
30	111.60	91.80	113.60	89.10	113.40	93.20	106.60	88.00	100.90	67.20
60	111.40	88.90	113.30	85.30	113.30	93.10	107.00	85.10	101.10	86.90
90	111.50	89.70	113.30	90.30	113.30	94.80	107.30	83.30	100.90	83.90
120	111.50	90.30	113.40	88.50	113.10	94.40	107.10	68.90	100.80	87.10
150	111.20	91.50	113.50	91.50	113.30	95.90	107.30	80.80	100.30	88.90
180	111.10	90.80	113.30	92.60	113.30	95.20	107.00	85.20	99.80	90.10
210	111.50	87.70	113.40	91.30	113.30	94.50	106.90	81.70	98.90	90.60
240	111.80	89.80	113.40	92.30	113.20	94.00	106.80	93.00	98.60	88.20
270	112.00	88.00	113.30	88.50	113.20	93.20	106.60	71.20	98.20	91.30
300	111.80	89.80	113.40	90.80	113.50	94.20	106.30	85.10	98.40	90.20
330	111.70	92.40	113.30	90.30	113.40	94.10	106.30	89.20	99.80	91.30
Min (Vv-Vhh)	19.30		20.70		17.40		13.80		6.90	

$$EIRP_{LOSS} = Pt_{amb} - Pt_{EOL} = (37.5 - 36.94) = 0.52dB$$

$$EIRP_{maxEOL} = MAX [EIRP_{max}, (EIRP_{max} - EIRP_{LOSS})] = MAX (42.9, 42.3) = 42.9dBm$$

$$EIRP_{minEOL} = MIN [EIRP_{min}, (EIRP_{min} - EIRP_{LOSS})] = MIN (32.4, 31.9) = 31.9dBm$$

Pt_{amb} is the power at ambient from the summary table

Pt_{EOL} is the power at the end of Operating Life at Minimum Temperature

$EIRP_{max}$ is the maximum EIRP from the antenna characteristics spreadsheet

$EIRP_{min}$ is the minimum EIRP from the antenna characteristics spreadsheet



Antenna Model A3-06-2493 Serial Number: #5. (TUV_016), Configuration: C/S T.007 Figure B.2

Azimuth Angle (degrees)	Elevation Angle (degrees)									
	10		20		30		40		50	
	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi	EIRP dBm	Ant dBi
0	39.9	2.46	42.4	4.96	43.4	5.90	36.8	-0.61	33.7	-3.72
30	39.8	2.37	42.5	5.07	43.3	5.80	37.1	-0.33	33.9	-3.59
60	39.7	2.26	42.3	4.86	43.2	5.70	37.6	0.14	33.7	-3.78
90	39.8	2.36	42.3	4.87	43.2	5.72	37.9	0.45	33.3	-4.12
120	39.8	2.37	42.3	4.86	43.1	5.62	37.8	0.33	33.5	-3.94
150	39.6	2.18	42.4	4.97	43.3	5.84	37.9	0.44	33.3	-4.19
180	39.4	1.97	42.2	4.78	43.3	5.83	37.7	0.23	33.0	-4.45
210	39.8	2.36	42.4	4.97	43.2	5.72	37.6	0.13	32.7	-4.75
240	40.1	2.67	42.3	4.87	43.2	5.73	37.4	-0.05	32.2	-5.22
270	40.3	2.86	42.1	4.66	43.1	5.61	37.0	-0.46	32.5	-4.94
300	40.1	2.66	42.2	4.77	43.4	5.92	36.9	-0.52	32.4	-5.10
330	40.0	2.58	42.2	4.77	43.3	5.81	36.8	-0.69	33.5	-3.93
Gain Variation	0.88		0.41		0.31		1.14		1.63	

Azimuth Angle (degrees)	Elevation Angle (degrees)									
	10		20		30		40		50	
	Vv	Vh	Vv	Vh	Vv	Vh	Vv	Vh	Vv	Vh
0	111.80	87.80	113.90	86.40	114.10	93.50	106.50	88.00	101.60	90.60
30	111.70	89.20	114.00	89.00	114.00	93.70	106.80	86.50	101.90	87.70
60	111.60	85.90	113.80	85.90	113.90	93.50	107.30	83.20	101.70	87.60
90	111.70	87.30	113.80	90.60	113.90	95.40	107.60	84.60	101.40	86.30
120	111.70	88.60	113.80	88.10	113.80	95.10	107.50	77.80	101.50	88.50
150	111.50	90.70	113.90	90.30	114.00	96.40	107.60	81.80	101.20	89.10
180	111.30	89.80	113.70	91.20	114.00	96.00	107.40	80.40	100.90	89.40
210	111.70	86.20	113.90	89.30	113.90	95.40	107.30	73.80	100.50	90.30
240	112.00	89.40	113.80	90.60	113.90	95.80	107.10	85.30	100.20	87.60
270	112.20	87.40	113.60	86.20	113.80	94.20	106.70	81.80	100.20	91.20
300	112.00	88.40	113.70	89.70	114.10	95.30	106.60	87.40	100.10	90.50
330	111.90	91.10	113.70	89.70	114.00	94.80	106.40	89.30	101.30	91.40
Min (Vv-Vhh)	20.80		22.50		17.60		17.10		9.00	

$$EIRP_{LOSS} = Pt_{amb} - Pt_{EOL} = (37.5 - 36.94) = 0.52dB$$

$$EIRP_{maxEOL} = MAX [EIRP_{max}, (EIRP_{max} - EIRP_{LOSS})] = MAX (43.3, 42.8) = 43.3dBm$$

$$EIRP_{minEOL} = MIN [EIRP_{min}, (EIRP_{min} - EIRP_{LOSS})] = MIN (32.5, 32.0) = 32.0dBm$$

Pt_{amb} is the power at ambient from the summary table

Pt_{EOL} is the power at the end of Operating Life at Minimum Temperature

$EIRP_{max}$ is the maximum EIRP from the antenna characteristics spreadsheet

$EIRP_{min}$ is the minimum EIRP from the antenna characteristics spreadsheet



2.11 NAVIGATION SYSTEM – STANDARD LOCATION PROTOCOL

2.11.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_015 (All testing except where stated)
PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_016
PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_007

2.11.2 Date of Test and Modification State

19 February & 04 June 2009 - Modification State 0

2.11.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.11.4 Test Results

Position Data Default Values

The beacon was activated without receiving GPS signals/without providing data and operated for 30 minutes. Message content was checked for all bursts during this period.

30 Hex Message	Message Count
FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C	35

Position Acquisition Time and Position Accuracy (Slim Variant TUV Reference 75905359 016)

A3.8.2.1: Location 50° 52.163'N, 1° 14.607'W ①
A3.8.2.2 : Location 51° 22.417'N, 1° 50.067'W ②

Operation Configuration	C/S T.007 Section A3.8.2.1		C/S T.007 Section A3.8.2.2	
	Time to Acquire Position (sec)	Location Error in metres	Time to Acquire Position (sec)	Location Error in metres
Beacon on ground plane	100	68.8	100	31.5
Beacon above ground plane	100	68.8	100	31.5

Positional accuracy was estimated using the Haversine Formula, Earth's radius taken as 6367km.

- ① GPS Site Survey – Live Location
- ② Input from GPS simulator.



Position Acquisition Time and Position Accuracy (Float Variant TUV Reference 75905359 007)

A3.8.2.1: Location 50° 52.135'N, 1° 14.694'W ①

A3.8.2.2 : Location 51° 22.583'N, 1° 49.833'W ②

Operation Configuration	C/S T.007 Section A3.8.2.1		C/S T.007 Section A3.8.2.2	
	Time to Acquire Position (sec)	Location Error in metres	Time to Acquire Position (sec)	Location Error in metres
Beacon on ground plane	101	40.1	101	50.1
Beacon above ground plane	101	40.1	101	50.1

Positional accuracy was estimated using the Haversine Formula, Earth's radius taken as 6367km.

① GPS Site Survey – Live Location

② Input from GPS simulator.

Encoded Position Data Update Interval

Location:	N 21° 4.600'	W 6° 3.400' ②
Time from activation to 1 st message	100s	
First Message Acquired at	4:00:51	FFFE2F96EE2F80011520C64274B792636F3C
Data Acquired at	4:00:51	FFFE2F96EE2F80011520C64274B792636F3C
Location:	N 50° 48.683'	W 1° 37.417' ②
First Message Acquired at	4:03:21	FFFE2F96EE2F80011520C64274B792636F3C
Data Updated at	4:23:23	FFFE2F96EE2F800132E031C9A3778EA76951
Data Update Interval	22min 32s	

Position Clearance After Deactivation

Following the Encoded Position Data Update Interval test, the beacon was deactivated and reactivated without providing navigation data.

Deactivated at	4:25:10	
Time from re-activation to 1 st message	100s	
Default data present	4:27:00	FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C

② Input from GPS simulator.



Last Valid Position

Location: N 50° 48.683' W 1° 37.417' ②		
Time from activation to 1 st message	100s	
First Message Acquired at	11:21:14	FFFE2F96EE2F800132E031C9A3778EA76951
Data Acquired at	11:21:14	FFFE2F96EE2F800132E031C9A3778EA76951
GPS Signal Navigation Data Removed	11:22:04	
Last Message with Positional Data	3:21:01	FFFE2F96EE2F800132E031C9A3778EA76951
First Message with Default Data	3:21:49	FFFE2F96EE2F80017FDFF8EA71B783E0F66C
Last Valid Position Held	240min	

② Input from GPS simulator.

Coarse Position and Delta Offset

Script Reference (See table D.3 of C/S T.007 – Issue 4 November 2005)	Value of Encoded Location Bits Transmitted by Beacon (Hexadecimal)	Confirmation that BCH Correct (✓)
1	Bits 65-85 = FFBFF Bits 113-132 = 83E0F	✓
2	Bits 65-85 = 2404 Bits 113-132 = 8E227 Number of seconds after providing navigation data that beacon transmitted the above encoded location information: 45	✓
3	Bits 65-85 = 2404 Bits 113-132 = F8227	✓
4	Bits 65-85 = 3404 Bits 113-132 = 88227	✓
5	Bits 65-85 = 3404 Bits 113-132 = 74627	✓
6	Bits 65-85 = 2404 Bits 113-132 = 8227	✓
7	Bits 65-85 = 2404 Bits 113-132 = 83D7	✓
8	Bits 65-85 = 2406 Bits 113-132 = 8227	✓
9	Bits 65-85 = 2406 Bits 113-132 = 81B8	✓
10	Bits 65-85 = 2402 Bits 113-132 = 8206	✓

Test Scripts from GPS simulator.



2.12 NAVIGATION SYSTEM – NATIONAL LOCATION PROTOCOL

2.12.1 Equipment Under Test

PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_017 (All testing except where stated)
 PLB-350 B, TUV Reference 75905359_010

2.12.2 Date of Test and Modification State

19, 20 February and 17 March 2009 - Modification State 0

2.12.3 Test Equipment Used

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

2.12.4 Test Results

Position Data Default Values

The beacon was activated without receiving GPS signals/without providing data and operated for 30 minutes. Message content was checked for all bursts during this period.

30 Hex Message	Message Count
FFFE2F96EF00009FC0FF00320C379F3C0010	35

Position Acquisition Time and Position Accuracy (TUV Reference 75905359_010)

A3.8.2.1: Location 50° 52.163'N, 1° 14.607'W ①
 A3.8.2.2 : Location 51° 22.417'N, 1° 50.067'W ②

Operation Configuration	C/S T.007 Section A3.8.2.1		C/S T.007 Section A3.8.2.2	
	Time to Acquire Position (sec)	Location Error in metres	Time to Acquire Position (sec)	Location Error in metres
Beacon on ground plane	100	68.8	100	31.5
Beacon above ground plane	100	55.6	100	31.5

Positional accuracy was estimated using the Haversine Formula, Earth's radius taken as 6367km.

- ① GPS Site Survey – Live Location
- ② Input from GPS simulator.



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Encoded Position Data Update Interval

Location: N 50° 48.683' W 1° 37.417' ②		
Time from activation to 1 st message	100s	
First Message Acquired at	10:12:56	FFFE2F96EF00008CB1019950ADF794240FCD
Data Acquired at	10:12:56	FFFE2F96EF00008CB1019950ADF794240FCD
Location: N 21° 4.600' W 6° 3.400' ②		
First Message Acquired at	10:14:35	FFFE2F96EF00008CB1019950ADF794240FCD
Data Updated at	10:35:27	FFFE2F96EF000085450615DCDA77922408CC
Data Update Interval	22min 31s	

Position Clearance After Deactivation

Following the Encoded Position Data Update Interval test, the beacon was deactivated and reactivated without providing navigation data.

Deactivated at	10:36:00	
Time from re-activation to 1 st message	100s	
Default data present	12:20:12	FFFE2F96EF00009FC0FF00320C379F3C0010

②Input from GPS simulator.



Last Valid Position

Location: N 50° 48.683' W 1° 37.417' ②		
Time from activation to 1 st message	100s	
First Message Acquired at	11:39:19	FFFE2F96EF00008CB1019950ADF794240FCD
Data Acquired at	11:39:19	FFFE2F96EF00008CB1019950ADF794240FCD
GPS Signal Navigation Data Removed	11:39:45	
Last Message with Positional Data	15:39:06	FFFE2F96EF00008CB1019950ADF794240FCD
First Message with Default Data	15:39:56	FFFE2F96EF00009FC0FF00320C379F3C0010
Last Valid Position Held	240min	

②Input from GPS simulator.

Coarse Position and Delta Offset

Script Reference (See table D.3 of C/S T.007 – Issue 4 November 2005)	Value of Encoded Location Bits Transmitted by Beacon (Hexadecimal)	Confirmation that BCH Correct (✓)
1	Bits 59-85 = 3F81FE0 Bits 113-126 = 27CF	✓
2	Bits 59-85 = A8A0C2 Bits 113-126 = 2489 Number of seconds after providing navigation data that beacon transmitted the above encoded location information: 49s	✓
3	Bits 59-85 = A8A0C2 Bits 113-126 = 3F09	✓
4	Bits 59-85 = D8A0C2 Bits 113-126 = 2189	✓
5	Bits 59-85 = D8A0C2 Bits 113-126 = B09	✓
6	Bits 59-85 = C8B67D Bits 113-126 = 749	✓
7	Bits 59-85 = C8B67D Bits 113-126 = 77E	✓
8	Bits 59-85 = C8967C Bits 113-126 = 702	✓
9	Bits 59-85 = C8967C Bits 113-126 = 77E	✓
10	Bits 59-85 = C8B67D Bits 113-126 = 749	✓

Test Scripts from GPS simulator.



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SECTION 3

TEST EQUIPMENT USED



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3.1 TEST EQUIPMENT

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

Instrument	Manufacturer	Type No.	TE No.	Calibration Period (months)	Calibration Due
Section 2.10 Beacons - Antenna Characteristics					
Antenna, (Tuned Dipole Set)	Roberts Antenna	A-100	569	-	TU
Spectrum Analyser	Hewlett Packard	8568B	571	12	11-Feb-2010
Test Receiver	Rohde & Schwarz	ESVP	1669	12	7-Nov-2009
Antenna Mast	EMCO	1050	1707	-	TU
Turntable Controller	Various	RH253	1708	-	TU
Spectrum Analyser	Rohde & Schwarz	EZM	1823	-	TU
Open Area Site 2	TUV	OATS2	1850	36	11-Sep-2011
Floppy Disc Station	Rohde & Schwarz	LAS-Z11	1854	-	TU
Turntable Interface	Various	RH-253.6	1855	-	TU
Antenna Tower 6M	EMCO	1050	1859	-	TU
Roberts Antenna 406MHz	Compliance Design	-	1861	24	7-Sep-2009
Antenna (Bilog, 20MHz-2GHz)	York Electronics	CBL6111B	1868	24	20-Aug-2010
Signal Generator, 9kHz to 6GHz	Rohde & Schwarz	SMB 100A	3501	12	19-May-2009
10 in Test Results Table Beacons - Battery Current Measurements					
Load (50ohm)	Diamond	DL-30N	392	12	1-Sep-2009
Hygrometer	Rotronic	I-1000	3068	12	26-Jun-2009
8 Channel Datalogger + Terminal Board	Pico Technology Ltd	ADC-16	3287	12	17-Dec-2009
Resistor (Nominal 0.25ohm)	TUV	2x RS Components 188-071 R5/100W Resistors	3343	-	TU
Section 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 plus 2, 3, 6, 8 in Test Results Table Beacons - Constant Temperature Tests					
Climatic Chamber	Heraeus Votsch	VMT 04/30	40	-	O/P Mon
Power Meter	Hewlett Packard	436A	83	12	13-Aug-2009
Climatic Chamber	Heraeus Votsch	VM 04/100	85	-	O/P Mon
Rubidium Frequency Standard	Quartzlock	A10-B	92	12	12-Jan-2010
Signal Generator	Hewlett Packard	8644A	96	12	17-Apr-2009
Time Interval Analyser	Yokogawa	TA720	181	12	27-Feb-2009
High Resolution Oscilloscope	Gould	840	182	12	6-Mar-2009
Load (50ohm, 15W)	Diamond Antenna	DL-30N	337	12	1-Sep-2009
Load (50ohm)	Diamond	DL-30N	392	12	1-Sep-2009
Attenuator 10dB 25W	Weinschel	46-10-43	400	12	6-May-2009
Attenuator 10dB/10W)	Trilithic	HFP-50N	454	12	22-Jul-2009
Signal Generator (100kHz to 2.6GHz)	Hewlett Packard	8663A	1063	12	13-Feb-2009
Distress Beacon RF Unit	TUV	-	2445	-	TU
Beacon RF Unit	TUV	N/A	3066	-	TU
Hygrometer	Rotronic	I-1000	3068	12	26-Jun-2009
Termination (50ohm, 2W)	Omni-Spectra	3001-6100	3081	12	15-Mar-2009
Termination (50ohm, 15W)	Diamond Antenna	DL-30N	3097	12	15-Mar-2009



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Instrument	Manufacturer	Type No.	TE No.	Calibration Period (months)	Calibration Due
Section 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 plus 2, 3, 6, 8 in Test Results Table Beacons - Constant Temperature Tests					
Termination (50ohm, 15W)	Diamond Antenna	DL-30N	3098	12	15-Mar-2009
Attenuator (20dB, 10W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-20-34	3159	12	2-Jun-2009
Attenuator (3dB, 20W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-3-34	3161	12	2-Jun-2009
Attenuator (3dB, 20W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-3-34	3163	12	2-Jun-2009
Thermocouple Thermometer	Fluke	51	3172	12	3-Jul-2009
Thermocouple Thermometer	Fluke	51	3173	12	3-Jul-2009
Bandpass filter	Trilithic	5BE406/35-1-AA	3206	12	1-Aug-2009
Bandpass Filter	Trilithic	5BE406/35-1-AA	3207	12	1-Aug-2009
Time Interval Analyser	Yokogawa	TA720 704510	3253	12	4-Nov-2009
ScopeCorder	Yokogawa	DL750 701210	3254	12	5-Nov-2009
Short Circuit	TUV	Short Cicuit	3272	-	TU
Power Sensor	Agilent	8482A	3289	12	1-Dec-2009
Cable (1m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3352	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (1m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3354	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (2m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-2000-NPS	3356	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (2m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-2000-NPS	3358	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (2m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-2000-NPS	3359	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (3m, N-type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-3000-NPS	3361	12	22-Apr-2009
Rubidium Frequency Standard	Symmetricom	8040C	3490	12	21-Feb-2009
Section 2.7 Beacons - Operating Lifetime					
Power Meter	Hewlett Packard	436A	47	12	8-Jul-2009
Power Meter	Hewlett Packard	436A	83	12	13-Aug-2009
Climatic Chamber	Heraeus Votsch	VM 04/100	85	-	O/P Mon
Beacon Tester	WS Technologies	BT 100S	87	-	TU
Rubidium Frequency Standard	Quartzlock	A10-B	92	12	12-Jan-2010
Signal Generator	Hewlett Packard	8644A	96	12	17-Apr-2009
Spectrum Analyser	Hewlett Packard	E4407B	1154	12	9-Jun-2009
Beacon RF Unit	TUV	N/A	3066	-	TU
Hygrometer	Rotronic	I-1000	3068	12	26-Jun-2009
Attenuator (20dB, 10W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-20-34	3159	12	2-Jun-2009
Attenuator (20dB, 10W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-20-34	3160	12	2-Jun-2009
Attenuator (3dB, 20W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-3-34	3163	12	2-Jun-2009
Thermocouple Thermometer	Fluke	51	3173	12	3-Jul-2009
Bandpass Filter	Trilithic	5BE406/35-1-AA	3207	12	1-Aug-2009



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Instrument	Manufacturer	Type No.	TE No.	Calibration Period (months)	Calibration Due
Section 2.7 Beacons - Operating Lifetime					
Time Interval Analyser	Yokogawa	TA720 704510	3253	12	4-Nov-2009
ScopeCorder	Yokogawa	DL750 701210	3254	12	5-Nov-2009
Power Sensor	Agilent	8482A	3289	12	1-Dec-2009
Power Sensor	Agilent	8482A	3290	12	1-Dec-2009
ESA-E Series Spectrum Analyser	Agilent	E4402B	3348	12	21-Apr-2009
Cable (1m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3353	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (1m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3354	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (2m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-2000-NPS	3357	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (2m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-2000-NPS	3359	12	22-Apr-2009
Bandpass Filter	Trilithic	5BE121.55/35-3-BA	3410	12	4-Aug-2009
Section 2.8 Beacons - Temperature Gradient					
Power Meter	Hewlett Packard	436A	83	12	13-Aug-2009
Climatic Chamber	Heraeus Votsch	VM 04/100	85	-	O/P Mon
Signal Generator	Hewlett Packard	8644A	96	12	17-Apr-2009
Beacon RF Unit	TUV	N/A	3066	-	TU
Attenuator (20dB, 10W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-20-34	3159	12	2-Jun-2009
Attenuator (3dB, 20W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-3-34	3163	12	2-Jun-2009
Thermocouple Thermometer	Fluke	51	3173	12	3-Jul-2009
Bandpass Filter	Trilithic	5BE406/35-1-AA	3207	12	1-Aug-2009
Time Interval Analyser	Yokogawa	TA720 704510	3253	12	4-Nov-2009
ScopeCorder	Yokogawa	DL750 701210	3254	12	5-Nov-2009
Power Sensor	Agilent	8482A	3289	12	1-Dec-2009
Cable (1m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3352	12	22-Apr-2009
Section 2.5 Beacons - GNSS Self-test					
Climatic Chamber	Heraeus Votsch	VMT 04/30	40	-	O/P Mon
Beacon Tester	WS Technologies	BT 100S	87	-	TU
Beacon RF Unit	TUV	N/A	97	-	TU
1GHz Digital Oscilloscope	Lecroy	9370M	612	12	30-Sep-2009
Stop Clock	R.S Components	RS328 061	2674	-	TU
GPS/SBAS Simulator	Spirent	STR4500	3056	-	TU
Attenuator (20dB, 10W)	Aeroflex / Weinschel	23-20-34	3160	12	2-Jun-2009
Thermocouple Thermometer	Fluke	51	3172	12	3-Jul-2009
Cable (1m, N type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3350	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (1m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3353	12	22-Apr-2009
Cable (1m, N Type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3354	12	22-Apr-2009
Timer ('Electronic Clock Timer')	R.S Components	870A	3558	-	TU



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Instrument	Manufacturer	Type No.	TE No.	Calibration Period (months)	Calibration Due
Section 2.6 Climatic - Thermal Shock					
Chamber	Heraeus	HC 4033	2174	12	5-Sep-2009
Balance	Geniweigher	GM-11K	2334	12	1-Apr-2009
Climatic Chamber	Climatec	WALK-IN	2847	12	2-Apr-2009
5 metre Tape Measure	Stanley	33-719	3549	-	TU
Sections 2.11 and 2.12 Beacons - Navigation System					
Beacon Tester	WS Technologies	BT 100S	87	-	TU
Stop Clock	R.S Components	RS328 061	2674	-	TU
GPS/SBAS Simulator	Spirent	STR4500	3056	-	TU
Hygrometer	Rotronic	I-1000	3068	12	26-Jun-2009
Cable (1m, N type)	Rhophase	NPS-1601-1000-NPS	3350	12	22-Apr-2009
Copper GRP	TUV	27cm Diameter	3538	-	TU

TU – Traceability Unscheduled

OP MON – Output Monitored with Calibrated Equipment



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SECTION 4

PHOTOGRAPHS

4.1 PHOTOGRAPHS OF EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST (EUT)



75905359_007, PLB-350B Flotation, S/N: #22 Front View



75905359_007, PLB-350B Flotation, S/N: #22 Rear View



75905359_015, PLB-350B Slim (50Ω), S/N: #2 Front View



75905359_015, PLB-350B Slim (50Ω), S/N: #2 Rear View



75905359 016, PLB-350B Slim, S/N: #5 Front View



75905359 016, PLB-350B Slim, S/N: #5 Rear View



75905359_017, PLB-350B Slim (50Ω), S/N: #3 Front View



75905359_017, PLB-350B Slim (50Ω), S/N: #3 Rear View



Configuration 3



Configuration 4



Configuration 7



Configuration 8



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SECTION 5

ACCREDITATION, DISCLAIMERS AND COPYRIGHT



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5.1 ACCREDITATION, DISCLAIMERS AND COPYRIGHT



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ANNEX A

CUSTOMER SUPPLIED INFORMATION



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Design Data on Protection against Repetitive Self-test Mode Transmissions

01/22/2009

**PROTECTION AGAINST REPETITIVE SELF-TEST MODE TRANSMISSIONS,
PLB-350B**

The self-test algorithm is in-line code with no loops that execute consecutive instructions implementing self-test with checks interspersed to monitor the switch positions. It is possible to either complete one self-test, one GPS test, enter the ON mode, or turn off. It is not possible to repeat the instructions. The self-test algorithm causes the software to continuously monitor the hardware during self-test. If the switch is left in self-test during and after the GPS test is generated, the stuck mode is entered for a maximum time of 50 seconds. This mode alternately flashes the red LED, the green LED, and sounds the buzzer, then times out after 50 seconds. Nothing else can be generated when in this mode. Therefore, if the switch is left in the self-test position, it is not possible to generate more than one self-test.



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GNSS Self-test Mode Description

03/23/2009

PLB-350B GNSS Self Test Description

The PLB-350B model which is the GPS-Enabled model, provides the Cospas Sarsat GNSS Self Test feature, and this feature should not be performed more than twelve times during the life of the battery pack. Once this GNSS testing feature reaches 12 times, the feature will be disabled by internal software.

GNSS Self Test Procedure :

Press the self-test button for greater than 5 seconds. Observe the beacon for the entire GPS test. A BEEP and green LED will indicate that the GPS has been turned ON. The beacon will BEEP every 3 seconds and the GPS will remain ON until LAT/LON coordinates have been obtained or until 2 minutes have elapsed. If good LAT/LON data has been obtained, a single 406MHz test burst will be sent out with location data and the GPS will be turned OFF and the green LED will light for at least 3 seconds along with a long beep. This LAT/LON data is not saved for use. The green LED indicates that the GPS is functioning properly and that the beacon is in a location or environment where it can receive the necessary signals from GPS satellites. If the GPS does not acquire good Location data, the GPS will turn OFF after 2 minutes, followed with a RED LED light up for 3 seconds along with a long beep, and no 406MHz burst sent out.

The worst case current consumption scenario for the PLB-350B GNSS self test feature is 12 times of 2 minutes and 12 406 MHz bursts.



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Oscillator Aging (Document 1)



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: COSPAS-SARSAT

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This is to certify that the following crystal oscillator:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Rakon Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	E4672LF	TCXO, 12.688656 MHz, Class II, SM 7x5 mm

is fully compliant with the short-term and medium-term transmitted frequency stability requirements of the Cospas-Sarsat system beacons including the oscillator aging requirements in paragraph A.3.5 Oscillator Aging of document C/S T.007, Issue 4, Revision 3 (dated: October 2008).

The type of compensation used to correct the frequency of the oscillator for temperature changes within the TCXO remains constant with the individual characterization set in non-volatile memory. No adjustment is required, or available, to correct for aging for the life of the device, so this characterization is not perturbed. There is no mechanism to suggest any change or aging affect to the medium or short-term stability exists.

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Oscillator Aging (Document 2)

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PRODUCT EVALUATION REPORT

REPORT No.: 2006-016C
Date: 26th November 2007
Product type: Temperature Compensated, Voltage
Controlled Crystal Oscillator (TC/VCXO)
Construction: 1) Surface Mount (7 x 5 mm)
2) "Pluto" ASIC
Generic Type: "Cospas Sarsat" Beacon Oscillator
Parts Tested: Batch 1 - p/no. E3357 (12.551630 MHz)
Batch 2 - p/no. E3233 (12.688375 MHz)
Applicable to:

This report is applicable to the following part numbers all of which are identical to the parts tested with respect to materials used, including the same crystal, construction, manufacture and test. And are to the same or a looser internal specification.

12.551630 MHz - E3356 & E3357
12.688281 MHz - E3403
12.688375 MHz - E3233, E3261, E3279, E3328, E3476, E3499,
E4150, E4218, E4281, E4472, E4478, E4495
12.688656 MHz - E4520, E4574 & E4672

Long Term Performance Verification

This document sets out the steps taken by RAKON UK to address the requirements for long term assurance of performance with respect to short and medium term stability. Specifically with respect to the short and medium term stability addressed in the second paragraph of the specification requirement:

**Cospas-Sarsat type approval standard T.007 Issue 4 Nov 2005.
Section A.3.5 Oscillator Aging:**

Long-term frequency stability shall be demonstrated by data (e.g. oscillator manufacturer's test data) provided by the beacon manufacturer to the test facility.

For oscillators which require compensation over the operating temperature range, measurement results and a technical analysis shall also be provided to substantiate that short and medium-term stability would remain within specification after five years.



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The long-term frequency stability or oscillator aging requirement is industry standard and has established procedures both company specific and as laid out by international standards, for example as referenced in MIL-PRF-55310 section 4.8.35. However the long term verification of the short and in particular the medium term stability requirements has no directly established procedure. The 100ms short term stability is not associated with the temperature compensation part of the oscillator and so should not be degraded by the use of a TCXO as opposed to an OCXO type oscillator. The short term stability also forms part of the medium term stability in respect of the residual error requirements, and so it should only be necessary to study the medium term stability to cover both of these requirements.

For oscillators which include a frequency adjustment or trim component for either initial calibration in the beacon or for correction of aging during lifetime then there is a recognised degradation process called trim effect. This is where the compensation can be degraded when the oscillator is tuned away from its nominal or compensated condition. This effect can be tested for by measurement of the frequency temperature characteristics at the frequency adjustment limits as well as the nominal condition during for example production verification. Whether the oscillator is adjustable or not should be clearly stated in any beacon qualification so this point can be addressed.

This however is not the case for the oscillators addressed in this document as they have no frequency adjustment available after manufacture. As such we have usually stated in respect of the above requirement:

' For RAKON UK TCXO's the type of compensation used to correct the frequency of the oscillator for temperature changes within the TCXO remains constant with the individual characterisation set in non-volatile memory. No adjustment is required, or available, to correct for aging for the life of the device, so this characterisation is not perturbed. There is no known mechanism to suggest any change or ageing effect to the Medium or Short term stability exists.'

The medium term stability requirements for the beacon are difficult to achieve with temperature compensation techniques and were until recently not achievable. Therefore the long term verification of performance to this required level was not specifically available, although no degradation was expected from either extrapolation of less precise data on comparable oscillators or from analysis of any possible aging mechanism.



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With aging verification it is standard practice to use data from accelerated aging conditions, ie aging at high temperature. Data taken during this time is then fitted and extrapolated with established procedures, for example as MIL-PRF-55310. Also standard acceleration factors are often applied for example "30 days at 85C is roughly equivalent to 1 year at room". For the medium term stability requirement, no established procedures or acceleration factors exist and continuous or periodic measurement is not possible. Therefore real data over a reasonable period of time with significant numbers of oscillators was studied.

Two studies are presented. One batch of devices were measured before and after a 8 month period (measurements in August 2005 and April 2006) and a second set of devices was measured after a period of approximately 1 year.



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Batch 1 results:

The histograms show the results for August 2005 in red and April 2006 in blue

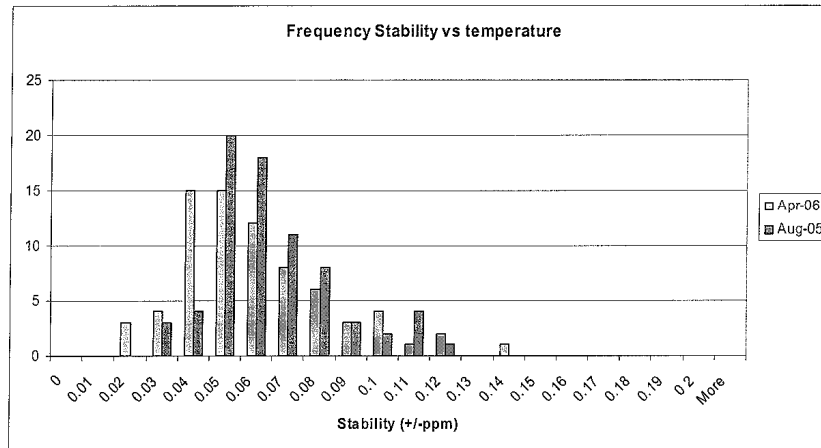


Figure 1 Frequency Stability vs. Temperature

The average change for frequency stability vs. temperature over the batch is -0.0007 ppm, effectively zero or a extremely small improvement.

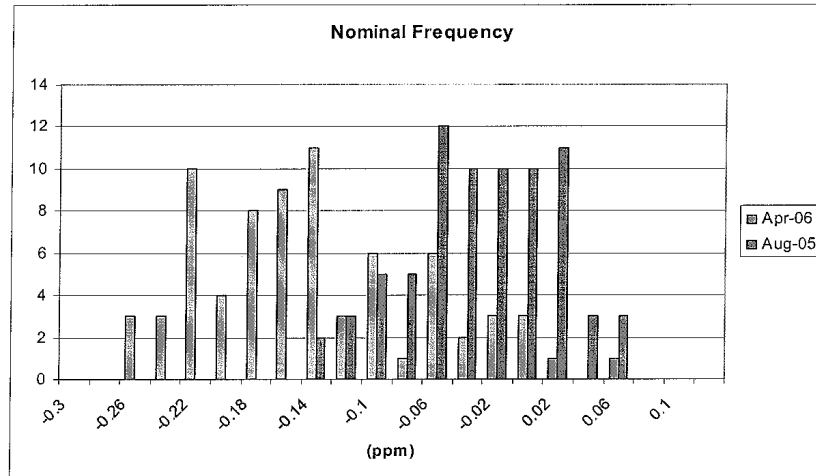


Figure 2 Nominal frequency

The average change for nominal frequency over the batch is -0.10 ppm, considerably inside the aging requirements for nominal frequency.

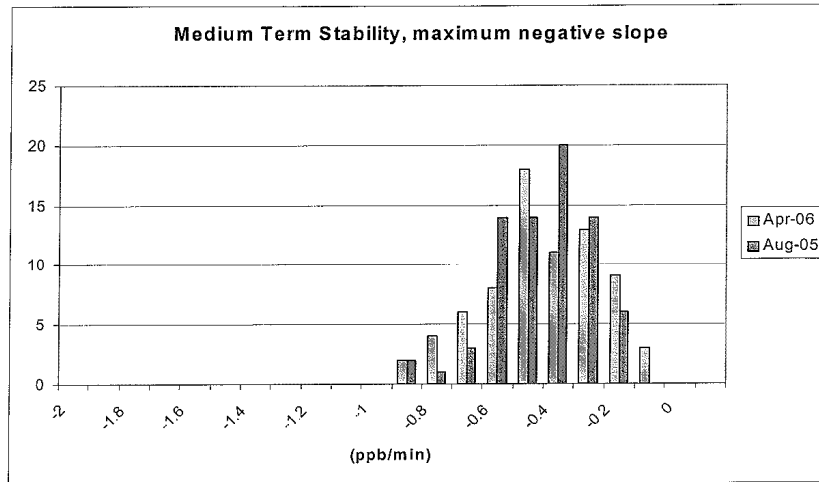


Figure 3 Medium term stability, Slope

The average change over the batch for maximum negative slope for 8 months is +0.004ppb/min and for the maximum positive slope - 0.0011ppb/min. This again effectively shows no change or very small improvement within the measurement uncertainties involved.

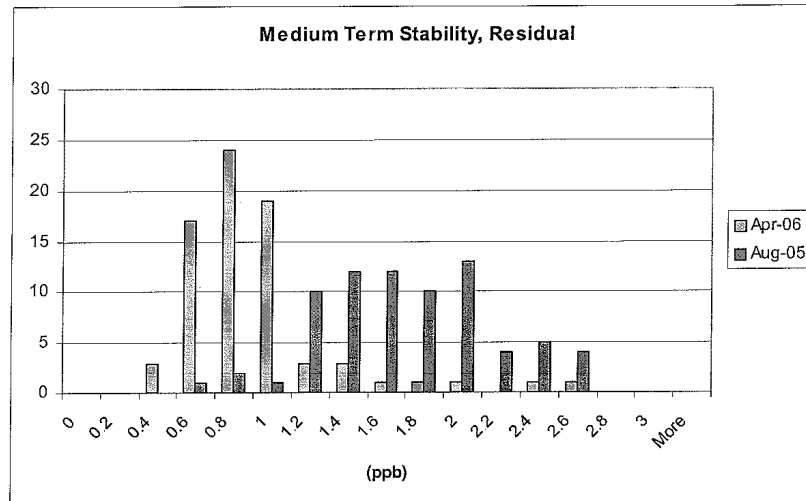


Figure 4 Medium term stability, Residual

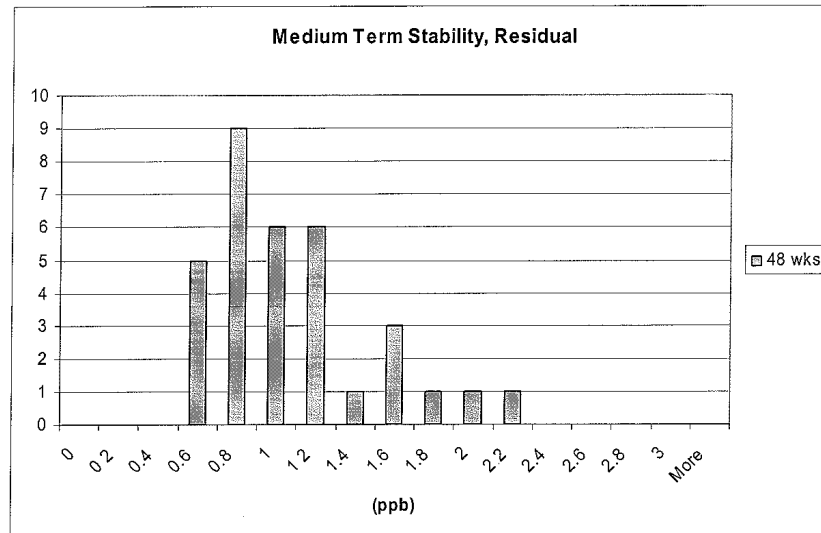
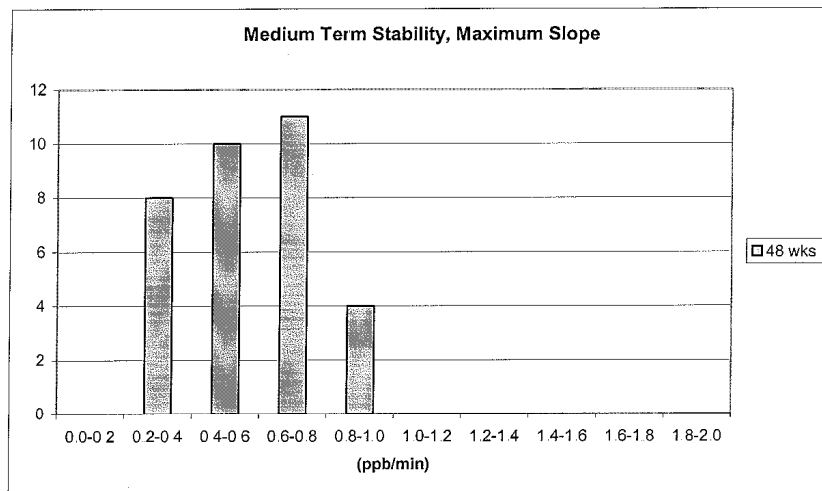


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The average change over the batch for medium term stability residual error shows an apparent improvement of -0.78 ppb. However this improvement is due in the main part to improvements in the measurement system noise floor and not to any improvement in the oscillator performance over this period.

Batch 2 results:

These devices were re-measured after a period of between 44 and 52 weeks after manufacture and initial testing. Results after an average of 48 wks are shown below.





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Conclusion:

In conclusion, no noticeable degradation in temperature compensation performance was observed and all devices stayed with specification. Therefore, we conclude the requirement to provide measurement and technical analysis for long-term conformance has been demonstrated for these oscillators.

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Protection Against Continuous Transmission

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PROTECTION AGAINST CONTINUOUS TRANSMISSION for PLB-350A and PLB-350B

The protection against continuous transmission of the 406 MHz signal is provided through redundant controlling hardware and software. The 406 MHz RF power module is controlled by a single circuit/switch under microprocessor control. The transmission must cease if the microprocessor control line output is not high, putting out current at 3.3 volts. Therefore, if the microprocessor should fail the transmission must stop. It is fail safe. The entire synthesizer/modulator circuitry is turned on and off for each transmission. Therefore, the transmission can never be continuous.

The microprocessor used in this design has a built in function that periodically resets the microprocessor unless it is cleared during operation. When the microprocessor is reset, the control for the 406 MHz RF power is turned off. This provides protection should the software ever get to an unknown state or stop completely.

Therefore, continuous transmission of the 406 MHz signal cannot occur.



Beacon Coding Software Customer Supplied Results

**Table F-D.2 of C/S T.007:
Examples of Location Protocol Beacon Messages**

Protocol	Operational Message (in hexadecimal including bit and frame synchronisation bits)		Self-Test Message (in hexadecimal including bit and frame synchronization bits)	GNSS Self Test Message (if applicable, in hexadecimal, including bit and frame synchronization bits)
	Location "A"	Location "B"		Location "A"
Standard Location: EPIRB with MMSI	FFFE2F8C9 2F423F01A2 A0B81CCF7 8C44DA11	FFFE2F8C9 2F423F019A 9FCF3FA37 04010735	FFFED08C9 2F423F07FD FFB2BF037	FFFED08C92F423F01A2A0B81 CCF78C44DA11
Standard Location: EPIRB with Serial Number	FFFE2F8C9 6F9C0631A2 A0938D3F78 C44DA11	FFFE2F8C9 6F9C06319A 9FE4AE5370 4010735	FFFED08C9 6F9C0637FD FF992EF37	FFFED08C96F9C0631A2A0938 D3F78C44DA11
Standard Location: ELT with 24-bit Address	FFFE2F8C9 3AF0F0F1A 2A088356B7 8C44DA11	FFFE2F8C9 3AF0F0F19 A9FFF16077 04010735	FFFED08C9 3AF0F0F7FD FF8296A77	FFFED08C93AF0F0F1A2A0883 56B78C44DA11
Standard Location: ELT with Serial Number	FFFE2F8C9 4F9C0631A2 A0D8811378 C44DA11	FFFE2F8C9 4F9C06319A 9FAFA27F7 04010735	FFFED08C9 4F9C0637FD FFD222DF7	FFFED08C94F9C0631A2A0D88 11378C44DA11
Standard Location: ELT with Aircraft Operator Designator	FFFE2F8C9 5C631F41A2 A09D7D3378 C44DA11	FFFE2F8C9 5C631F419A 9FEA5E5F7 04010735	FFFED08C9 5C631F47FD FF97DEFF7	FFFED08C95C631F41A2A09D7 D3378C44DA11
Standard Location: PLB with Serial Number	FFFE2F8C9 7F9C0631A2 A0FBB8EF7 8C44DA11	FFFE2F8C9 7F9C06319A 9F8C9B8370 4010735	FFFED08C9 7F9C0637FD FFF11B237	FFFED08C97F9C0631A2A0FBB 8EF78C44DA11
National Location: EPIRB	FFFE2F8C9 A0018C6855 02DEFF9F7 1D080674	FFFE2F8C9 A0018C65F4 FB35C51772 1000BDE	FFFED08C9 A0018DFC0 FF02AD4477	FFFED08C9A0018C685502DEF F9F71D080674
National Location: ELT	FFFE2F8C9 80018C6855 0295F3B371 D080674	FFFE2F8C9 80018C65F4 FB7EC93B7 21000BDE	FFFED08C9 80018DFC0F F061D86B7	FFFED08C980018C68550295F3 B371D080674
National Location: PLB	FFFE2F8C9 B0018C6855 02B6CA4F7 1D080674	FFFE2F8C9 B0018C65F4 FB5DF0C77 21000BDE	FFFED08C9 B0018DFC0 FF042E1977	FFFED08C9B0018C685502B6C A4F71D080674
User-Location2	N/A	N/A		N/A



1. PLB-350B Model

The PLB-350B has an internal GPS. Location “A” represents latitude N 26° 3’ 4” and Longitude W 80° 10’ 8”. Location “B” represents latitude N 25° 29’ 0”and Longitude W 79° 44’ 0”.

2. Introduction

2.1 Purpose

This document contains the printouts of sample messages as generated by the beacon coding software for each coding protocol applicable to beacon model PLB350B to satisfy the technical data requirements as stated in Annex C, Table C.1, and Table F.1, item 16. [C/S T.007 – Issue 4 – November 2005].

Each message includes beacon identification and location data, and each protocol has at least two messages showing locations at least 500 meters apart. [C/S T.007 – Issue 4 – November 2005, Section 4.3, Paragraph A.2.8)].

Sample messages generated by the beacon coding software for each coding option applicable to the beacon models as per Appendix D to Annex F. [C/S T.007 – Issue 4 – November 2005, Section 5, Paragraph b, iv)].

2.2 Document Organization and Information

Sections 3, 4, and 5, contain the coding options for Standard Location Protocol, National Location Protocol, and Test Location Protocol, respectively. Under each of these main headings are sections for each coding option. Each of these subsections includes the beacon’s 15 Hex ID, what information was encoded for each message and a list of the printouts associated with the coding option for that specific model. Position data for all messages were generated by GPS simulators.

3. EPIRB with MMSI Standard Location

3.1 Hex Messages for PLB350B

3.1.1 15 Hex ID: 1925E847E0FFBFF

3.1.2 Encoded Data

- o Protocol: Location Protocol
- o Country code: 201
- o Type of location protocol: Standard Location - EPIRB (MMSI)
- o MID: 999999
- o Specific Beacon: 0
- o Aux Device: 121.5 MHz homer

3.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg	Hex Message	Comment	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
0-1	FFFE2F8C92F423F01A2A0B81CCF78C44DA11	Operational Message	N 26° 3’ 4”	W 80° 10’ 8”
0-2	FFFED08C92F423F07FDFFB2BF037	Self Test Message	N 26° 3’ 4”	W 80° 10’ 8”
0-3	FFFED08C92F423F01A2A0B81CCF78C44DA11	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3’ 4”	W 80° 10’ 8”

4. EPIRB with Serial Number Standard Location

4.1 Hex Messages for PLB350B

4.1.1 15 Hex ID: 192DF380C6FFBFF

4.1.2 Encoded Data

- o Protocol: Location Protocol
- o Country code: 201
- o Type of location protocol: Standard Location - EPIRB (Serial)
- o Cospas-Sarsat #: 999
- o Serial Number: 99
- o Aux Device: 121.5 MHz homer



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4.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg	Hex Message	Comment	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
1-1	FFFE2F8C96F9C0631A2A0938D3F78C44DA11	Operational Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
1-2	FFFED08C96F9C0637FDFF992EF37	Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
1-3	FFFED08C96F9C0631A2A0938D3F78C44DA11	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"

5. ELT with 24-bit Address Standard Location

5.1 Hex Messages for PLB350B

5.1.1 15 Hex ID: 19275E1E1EFFBFF

5.1.2 Encoded Data

- Protocol: Location Protocol
- Country code: 201
- Type of location protocol: Standard Location - ELT (24-bit Address)
- 24 Bit Aircraft ID (decimal): 11472655
- 24 Bit Aircraft ID (Hex): AF0F0F
- Aux Device: 121.5 MHz homer

5.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg,	Hex Message,	Comment,	GPS Latitude,	GPS Longitude
2-1,	FFFE2F8C93AF0F0F1A2A088356B78C44DA11	Operational Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
2-2,	FFFED08C93AF0F0F7FDFF8296A77	Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
2-3,	FFFED08C93AF0F0F1A2A088356B78C44DA11	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"

6. ELT with Serial Number Standard Location

6.1 Hex Messages for PLB350B

6.1.1 15 Hex ID: 1929F380C6FFBFF

6.1.2 Encoded Data

- Protocol: Location Protocol
- Country code: 201
- Type of location protocol: Standard Location - ELT (Serial)
- Cospas-Sarsat #: 999
- Serial Number: 99
- Aux Device: 121.5 MHz homer

6.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg	Hex Message	Comment	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
3-1	FFFE2F8C94F9C0631A2A0D8811378C44DA11	Operational Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
3-2	FFFED08C94F9C0637FDFFD222DF7	Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
3-3	FFFED08C94F9C0631A2A0D8811378C44DA11	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"



7. ELT with Aircraft Operator Designator

7.1 Hex Messages for PLB350B

7.1.1 15 Hex ID: 192B8C63E8FFBFF

7.1.2 Encoded Data

- Protocol: Location Protocol
- Country code: 201
- Type of location protocol: Standard Location - ELT (Aircraft Operator Designator)
- ELT Operator: AAA
- ELT Number: 500
- Aux Device: 121.5 MHz homer

7.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg	Hex Message	Comment	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
4-1	FFFE2F8C95C631F41A2A09D7D3378C44DA11	Operational Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
4-2	FFFED08C95C631F47FDFF97DEFF7	Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
4-3	FFFED08C95C631F41A2A09D7D3378C44DA11	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"

8. Standard Location:PLB with Serial Number

8.1 Hex Messages for PLB350B

8.1.1 15 Hex ID: 192FF380C6FFBFF

8.1.2 Encoded Data

- Protocol: Location Protocol
- Country code: 201
- Type of location protocol: Standard Location - PLB (Serial)
- Cospas-Sarsat #: 999
- Serial Number: 99
- Aux Device: 121.5 MHz homer

8.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg	Hex Message	Comment	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
5-1	FFFE2F8C97F9C0631A2A0FBB8EF78C44DA11	Operational Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
5-2	FFFED08C97F9C0637FDFFF11B237	Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
5-3	FFFED08C97F9C0631A2A0FBB8EF78C44DA11	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"

9. National Location:EPIRB

9.1 Hex Messages for PLB350B

9.1.1 15 Hex ID: 19340031BF81FE0

9.1.2 Encoded Data

- Protocol: Location Protocol
- Country code: 201
- Type of location protocol: National Location - EPIRB
- Serial Number: 99
- Aux Loc. Device: 121.5 MHz homer



9.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg	Hex Message	Comment	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
6-1	FFFE2F8C9A0018C685502DEFF9F71D080674	Operational Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
6-2	FFFED08C9A0018DFC0FF02AD4477	Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
6-3	FFFED08C9A0018C685502DEFF9F71D080674	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"

10.National Location: ELT

10.1Hex Messages for PLB350B

10.1.1 15 Hex ID: 19300031BF81FE0

10.1.2 Encoded Data

- Protocol: Location Protocol
- Country code: 201
- Type of location protocol: National Location - ELT
- Serial Number: 99
- Aux Loc. Device: 121.5 MHz homer

10.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg	Hex Message	Comment	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
7-1	FFFE2F8C980018C68550295F3B371D080674	Operational Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
7-2	FFFED08C980018DFC0FF061D86B7	Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
7-3	FFFED08C980018C68550295F3B371D080674	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"

11. National Location:PLB

11.1Hex Messages for PLB350B

11.1.1 15 Hex ID: 19360031BF81FE0

11.1.2 Encoded Data

- Protocol: Location Protocol
- Country code: 201
- Type of location protocol: National Location - PLB
- Serial Number: 99

11.2 Sample Hex Messages

Msg	Hex Message	Comment	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
8-1	FFFE2F8C9B0018C685502B6CA4F71D080674	Operational Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
8-2	FFFED08C9B0018DFC0FF042E1977	Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"
8-3	FFFED08C9B0018C685502B6CA4F71D080674	GNSS Self Test Message	N 26° 3' 4"	W 80° 10' 8"



Product Service

Protection against Beacon Degradation Due To Navigation Failure

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**406 MHZ TRANSMISSIONS ARE NOT DEGRADED BY MALFUNCTIONING
GPS OR FAILURE TO ACQUIRE CORRECT DATA**

The algorithm that accesses the GPS location information serially inputs the GPS data from the GPS module. The data is interrogated such that the correct header information must be verified. That is, the predetermined header data is verified, the location data is collected, then the GPS Quality Indicator is verified to be GPS SPS Mode, fix valid. If the header and Quality factor are not verified, the location is left as the default location in the message. If the header is recognized and the Quality factor is good, the location received from the GPS module is entered into the message. Therefore, there is no way the 406 MHz transmissions can be degraded by malfunctioning GPS or the failure of the GPS to acquire correct data.