



Technical Bulletin

001: Ocean Signal Serial Number - Explanation

The format of the Ocean Signal serial number is as follows

XXXMM(N)NNNNY where:-

XXX is the Product Group as per following examples:-

004 = SART

006 = EPIRBs

014 = PLBs

MM is the month of manufacture (January = 01, February = 02, etc.)

(N)NNNN is a unique serial number (Normally four digits, but five digits for EPIRBs only to accommodate the COSPAS-SARSAT serialised protocol.)

Y is the year of manufacture as a letter.

K = 2011

L = 2012

M = 2013

N = 2014

O – NOT USED (could be confused with zero)

P = 2015

Etc.

Note: embedded electronic serial numbers may have different date codes to the externally marked serial numbers. The electronic number is added at the time of PCB or final test and codes the serial number using the current date, whereas the printed serial number is printed prior to packing. This can lead to a difference in these numbers. The numeric part of the serial number "(N)NNNN" is unique for each product group and should be used for identification.