TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

For a 406 Megahertz Distress Beacon for use with the Cospas-Sarsat Satellite System

Certificate Number: 429

Manufacturer:	Ocean Signal Limited, UK
Beacon Models:	PLB3 (Additional beacon model name "rescueME PLB3")
Beacon Type:	PLB
Test Laboratory:	TÜV SÜD
Dates of Test:	December 2020 – April 2022

Details of the beacon features and battery type are provided overleaf.

The Cospas-Sarsat Council hereby certifies that the 406 MHz Distress Beacon Model identified above is compatible with the Cospas-Sarsat System as defined in documents:

C/S T.001 Specification for Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz Distress Beacon, Issue 4 - Rev. 6, May 2020

C/S T.007 Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz Distress Beacon Type Approval Standard, Issue 5 - Rev. 5, May 2020

Original TAC 366 issued on **20 October 2022**
First additional TAC 429 issued on **13 October 2026**

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NOTE, HOWEVER:

1. This certificate does not authorize the operation or sale of any 406 MHz distress beacon. Such authorization may require type acceptance by national administrations in countries where the beacon will be distributed and may also be subject to national licensing requirements.

2. This certificate is intended only as a formal notification to the above identified manufacturer that the Cospas-Sarsat Council has determined, on the basis of test data of a beacon submitted by the manufacturer, that 406 MHz distress beacons of the type identified herein meet the standards for use with the Cospas-Sarsat System.

3. Although the manufacturer has formally stated that all beacons identified with the above model name(s) will meet the Cospas-Sarsat specification referenced above, this certificate is not a warranty and Cospas-Sarsat hereby expressly disclaims any and all liability arising out of or in connection with the issuance, use or misuse of the certificate.

4. This certificate is subject to revocation by the Cospas-Sarsat Council should the beacon type for which it is issued cease to meet the Cospas-Sarsat specification. A new certificate may be issued after satisfactory corrective action has been taken and correct performance demonstrated in accordance with the Cospas-Sarsat Type Approval Standard.

5. Cospas-Sarsat type approval testing requirements only address the electrical performance of the beacon at 406 MHz. Conformance of the beacon to operational and environmental requirements is the responsibility of national administrations.

6. This certificate authorizes the use of the registered name mark "Cospas-Sarsat" and of registered trademarks for the Programme's logos, for labelling, instruction materials, and marketing of the 406-MHz beacon model identified, but not for other marketing or sales purposes (i.e., not for general uses beyond this specific beacon model).

Certificate Number: 429 **Dated: 13 October 2026**

Beacon Models: PLB3 (Additional model name "rescueME PLB3");

Operating temperature range: -20°C to +55°C (Class 2)

Battery Details: Energizer, Lithium Iron Disulphide (Li/FeS_2), L91 2 x 2 cells (4 total)

Operating Lifetime: 24 hours

Transmit Frequency: 406.031 MHz

Beacon Model Features:

- Internal GPS receiver model: Ublox MAX-M8Q;
- Capable to update the encoded position data at variable intervals between 4 minutes and 15 minutes;
- Integral antenna;
- Manual and semi-automatic (if mechanically tied to PFD inflator system) activation;
- Homing: 121.5 MHz (14-18 dBm, duty cycle 97%, swept tone duty cycle 37%), and AIS (31-32 dBm);
- Self-test mode, one burst of 520 ms;
- GNSS self-test (number of GNSS self-tests is limited to 60 for the battery replacement period);
- Strobe-light (24 flashes per minute);
- Near field communications (NFC) can be used to access beacon data and test results;
- Approved for operation on or above ground, or when attached to a personal floatation device.

Approved Beacon Message Protocols: Beacon is approved for encoding with the message protocols indicated with "Yes" and black text below:

	USER PROTOCOLS
No	Maritime with MMSI
No	Maritime with Radio Call Sign
No	EPIRB Float Free with Serial Number
No	EPIRB Non-Float Free with Serial Number
No	Radio Call Sign
No	Aviation
No	ELT with Serial Number
No	ELT with Aircraft Operator and Serial Number
No	ELT with Aircraft 24-bit Address
No	PLB with Serial Number
No	National (Short Format Message)
No	National (Long Format Message)

	USER-LOCATION PROTOCOLS
No	Maritime with MMSI
No	Maritime with Radio Call Sign
No	EPIRB Float Free with Serial Number
No	EPIRB Non-Float Free with Serial Number
No	Radio Call Sign
No	Aviation
No	ELT with Serial Number
No	ELT with Aircraft Operator and Serial Number
No	ELT with Aircraft 24-bit Address
No	PLB with Serial Number

	LOCATION PROTOCOLS
Yes	**Standard Location: EPIRB with MMSI**
No	Standard Location: EPIRB with Serial Number
Yes	**Standard Location: ELT with 24-bit Address**
Yes	**Standard Location: ELT with Aircraft Operator Designator**
Yes	**Standard Location: ELT with Serial Number**
Yes	**Standard Location: PLB with Serial Number**
No	National Location: EPIRB
No	National Location: ELT
Yes	**National Location: PLB**
No[1]	RLS Location: EPIRB with Serial Number
No	RLS Location: ELT with Serial Number
No	RLS Location: PLB with Serial Number
No[1]	RLS Location: MMSI
No	ELT(DT) Location: ELT with Serial Number
No	ELT(DT) Location: ELT with Aircraft Operator and Serial Number
No	ELT(DT) Location: ELT with Aircraft 24-bit Address

NOTE: For the RLS enabled model variants, please see TACs 1429, 2429 and 3429.