



## TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

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

### Certificate Number: 401

**Manufacturer:** McMurdo Limited, United Kingdom  
**Beacon Type:** PLB  
**Beacon Models:** Fastfind PLB 220  
**Additional Model Names:** Z423 (Fastfind 220); SAFELINK SOLO / Z424; FAST FIND RANGER / Z424  
**Test Laboratory:** TÜV SÜD Product Service Ltd., Fareham, United Kingdom  
**Date of Test:** March – June 2018

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. 2, February 2018  
C/S T.007 Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz Distress Beacon Type Approval Standard  
Issue 5 – Rev. 1, February 2018

TAC 194 issued to Signature Industries Ltd.: **6 Feb 2009**  
TAC 200 re-issued to McMurdo Ltd, UK: **9 Oct 2009**  
TAC 217 re-issued to Orolia Limited, UK: **1 Apr 2012**  
TAC 304 issued to Orolia Limited, UK: **23 Jul 2018**  
TAC 336 re-issued to McMurdo Ltd.: **30 Jan 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Extension TAC 200 issued: **5 August 2009**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Extension TAC 203 issued: **29 March 2010**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Extension TAC 217 issued: **15 April 2011**  
4<sup>th</sup> Extension TAC 229 issued: **24 May 2012**  
5<sup>th</sup> Extension TAC 243 issued: **6 August 2013**  
6<sup>th</sup> Extension TAC 263 issued: **10 April 2015**  
7<sup>th</sup> Extension TAC 281 issued: **14 Nov 2016**  
8<sup>th</sup> Extension TAC 292 issued: **4 October 2017**  
9<sup>th</sup> Extension TAC 336 issued: **8 January 2021**  
10<sup>th</sup> Extension TAC 401 issued: **29 November 2024**

  
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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).

**Beacon Models:** Fastfind PLB 220 / Z423 (Fastfind 220)  
 SAFELINK SOLO / Z424  
 FAST FIND RANGER / Z424

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

**Operating Lifetime:** 24 hours

**Transmit Frequency:** 406.031 MHz

**Battery Details:** Lithium Manganese Dioxide (Li-MnO<sub>2</sub>), GP, GPCR123A 4 x “CR 2/3 A” cells

**Beacon Model Features:**

- Internal Navigation device (GPS / Galileo) produced by u-Blox, model “NEO-M8N”;
- 121.5 MHz auxiliary radio locating device (power 19 dBm, duty cycle – 99%);
- Messages of long format;
- Integrated antenna;
- Self-test mode with one burst of 520 ms;
- GNSS Self-test; and
- Beacons were tested only in PLB configurations, corresponding to beacon operation while on ground and above ground.

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

USER PROTOCOLS	USER-LOCATION PROTOCOLS	LOCATION PROTOCOLS
No <b>Maritime with MMSI</b>	Yes <b>Maritime with MMSI</b>	Yes <b>Standard Location: EPIRB with MMSI</b>
No <b>Maritime with Radio Call Sign</b>	Yes <b>Maritime with Radio Call Sign</b>	Yes <b>Standard Location: EPIRB with Serial Number</b>
No <b>EPIRB Float Free with Serial Number</b>	No <b>EPIRB Float Free with Serial Number</b>	No <b>Standard Location: ELT with 24-bit Address</b>
No <b>EPIRB Non Float Free with Serial Number</b>	Yes <b>EPIRB Non Float Free with Serial Number</b>	No <b>Standard Location: ELT with Aircraft Operator Designator</b>
No <b>Radio Call Sign</b>	Yes <b>Radio Call Sign</b>	No <b>Standard Location: ELT with Serial Number</b>
No <b>Aviation</b>	No <b>Aviation</b>	Yes <b>Standard Location: PLB with Serial Number</b>
No <b>ELT with Serial Number</b>	No <b>ELT with Serial Number</b>	Yes <b>National Location: EPIRB</b>
No <b>ELT with Aircraft Operator and Serial Number</b>	No <b>ELT with Aircraft Operator and Serial Number</b>	No <b>National Location: ELT</b>
No <b>ELT with Aircraft 24-bit Address</b>	No <b>ELT with Aircraft 24-bit Address</b>	Yes <b>National Location: PLB</b>
No <b>PLB with Serial Number</b>	Yes <b>PLB with Serial Number</b>	No <b>RLS Location: EPIRB</b>
No <b>National (Short Format Message)</b>		No <b>RLS Location: ELT</b>
No <b>National (Long Format Message)</b>		No <b>RLS Location: PLB</b>
		No <b>ELT(DT) Location: ELT with Serial Number</b>
		No <b>ELT(DT) Location: ELT with Aircraft Operator and Serial Number</b>
		No <b>ELT(DT) Location: ELT with Aircraft 24-bit Address</b>