

INTESPACE Reference

E6668-RTCM

CHAPTER 1

ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUMMARY OF TESTS



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1.1 GENERAL COMMENTS

This document reports the procedures and results of certification tests on 406-MHz SARSAT beacons. The tests were conducted for the United States Coast Guard (USCG) by INTESPACE (ITS

1.2 ADMINISTRATION

1.2.1 WORK ORDER

Manufacturer: MARTEC Serpe-Iesm.

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1.2.2 INTESPACE TEST CENTER

The test operations have been conducted by : Mr Gérard PEYROU

1.2.3 SCHEDULE

Start of test: 12 December 2005 End of test: 7 August 2006

1.2.4 WORK REFERENCE: **E6668-RTCM**

1.2.5 EQUIPEMENT UNDER TEST

The results from this test report concern only the equipement here after referenced:

| Equipement Under Test (EUT) | Model | Beacon serial number | Float free system auto-release mechanism | Comments |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| UUT3 | Kannad A./A.GPS M./M.GPS M.+/M.+GPS | 54143 | | - Antenna disconnected - EPIRB 50 Ω fitted for C/S electrical tests |
| UUT4 | Kannad A./A.GPS M./M.GPS M.+/M.+GPS | 59374 | | - Normal EPIRB fitted for C/S Satellite and Antenna Tests |
| UUT5 | Kannad A./A.GPS M./M.GPS M.+/M.+GPS | 57990 | | - Normal EPIRB fitted for C/S Satellite and Antenna Tests |
| UUT6 | Kannad Auto / Auto.GPS | 61592 | Container Martec Kannad Auto P/N 5104373 | - Normal EPIRB fitted for complete RTCM Test Sequence and 406 MHz electrical tests |
| UUT7 | Kannad Auto / Auto.GPS | 38169 | Container Martec Kannad Auto P/N 5104373 | - Antenna disconnected - EPIRB 50 Ω fitted for C/S and RTCM electrical Tests |

Note 1: The name of the EPIRB project is "TOPAZE".

Note 2: For the Cospas/Sarsat Type Approval the models performed are KANNAD Auto / Auto GPS / Manual /Manual GPS / Manual+ / Manual+ GPS.

Note 3: The KANNAD Auto GPS model is the most complete and the most representative of EPIRB's models



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1.3 TEST FACILITIES

- ARGOS COSPAS/SARSAT Certification Test Bench
- INTESPACE Environmental Test Equipments
- Toulouse CNES MCC

1.4 STANDARDS AND TEST PROCEDURES APPLICABLES

- COSPAS-SARSAT standards :
- "C/S T. 001- Issue 3 Revision 7 November 2005"
- "C/S T. 007- Issue 4 November 2005"
- RTCM Recommended Standards for 406 MHz Satellite Emergency Position-Indicating Radiobeacons (EPIRBs) Version 2.1 June 20, 2002-
- INTESPACE Radiobeacon Test Procedures

1.5 TEST SEQUENCE

| 1.5.1 | 1.5.1 SERIES OF TESTS RUN IN ORDER: (RTCM item) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 - | Initial Alivness Test | (A 1.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 2 - | Dry Heat Test | (A 3.0 | | | | | | | | |
| 3 - | Damp Heat Test | (A 4.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 4 - | Vibration Test | (A 5.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 5 - | Bump Test | (A 6.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 6 - | Salt Fog Test | (A 7.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 7 - | Drop Tests | (A 8.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 8 - | Leakage and Immersion Tests | (A 9.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 9 - | Spurious Emission Test | (A 10.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 10 - | Thermal shock Tests | (A 11.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 11 - | Cospas-Sarsat C/S T.007 Tests | (A 12.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 12 - | Operational Life, Strobe Light and Self Tests | (A 13.0) | | | | | | | | |



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1.5.2 SERIES OF TESTS RUN ANY TIME DURING THE SEQUENCE :

| - | Automatic Release Mechanism & Automatic Activation Tests | (A 14.0) |
|---|--|----------|
| - | Stability & Buoyancy Test | (A 15.0) |
| - | Inadvertent Activation Test | (A 16.0) |
| - | Auxillary Radio-Locating Device Transmitter Test | (A 17.0) |
| - | Humidity Test | (A 18.0) |
| _ | Orientation Test | (A 19.0) |

All beacon electronic are identical

14.1RESULTS

See following pages Summary of Test results and following chapters Test Result Reports (data and graphs)

General remark:

The tests have been conducted in two time: One for the application of the Cospas/Sarsat Type Approval Certificate and the other for the application of the USCG Type Approval. Regarding the issue of the measurement results performed on the certification test bench, due to the numbering of the computer data sheets, the beacon serial number alters from one curve to the other although the same beacon is concerned.



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SUMMARY OF TESTS



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| | | | | TEST R | ESULTS | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|------------------------------|
| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (± 3 °C) (-30 °C) | | (±3°C) | T max. $(\pm 3 ^{\circ}\text{C})$ $(+70 \text{ to} + 55 ^{\circ}\text{C})$ | | COMMENTS |
| 1. INITIAL ALIVENESS TEST (A2.0) * Carrier Frequency * Power Output | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 | MHz dBm | | UUT6 406.0278413 38.0 | UUT7 406.0278750 38.3 | | | Chapter 2 18 May 2006 |
| * Data Message | must be correct | | | V | V | | | .) |
| 2. DRY HEAT CYCLE (A3.0) | | | | | | UUT6 | UUT7 | Chapter 3 |
| • Aliveness Test (during 2 hour period) | | | | | | | | 19 &20 May 2006 |
| * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message • Aliveness Test (at end of 2 hour period) | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | MHz dBm √ | | | | 406.0278826 38.0 √ | / / √ | |
| * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | MHz dBm √ | | | | 406.0278824 38.0 √ | / / √ | |



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|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (±3°C) (-30 to -20°C) | T max. (| (±3°C))°C) | COMMENTS |
| 3. DAMP HEAT CYCLE (A4.0) | | | | UUT6 | UUT7 | Chapter 4 |
| • Aliveness Test (during 2 hour period) | | | | | | 21 &22 May 2006 |
| * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | $\begin{array}{c} MHz \\ dBm \\ \sqrt{\end{array}$ | | 406.0278887 38.2 √ | / / √ | |
| • Aliveness Test (end of 2 hour period) | | | | | | |
| * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | MHz dBm √ | | 406.0278524 38.0 √ | / / √ | |



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| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (±3 °C) | T amb. (±3 °C) (22°C) | T max. (±3 °C) (+40 °C) | COMMENTS |
| 4. VIBRATION TEST (A5.0) | | | | | | Chapter 5 |
| Exterior Mechanical Inspection | No damage | \checkmark | | V | | 12-14 may, 2006 |
| • UUT6 Aliveness Test | | | | | | |
| * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | MHz dBm √ | | 406.0278507 38.05 √ | | |
| * UUT7 Aliveness Test * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | MHz dBm √ | | 406.0278208 36.9 √ | | |
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| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (±3°C) | T amb. (±3 °C) (22°) | T max. (±3 °C) | COMMENTS |
| 5. BUMP TEST (A6.0) | | | | | | Chapter 6 |
| Exterior Mechanical Inspection | No damage | $\sqrt{}$ | | $\sqrt{}$ | | |
| THURS AT TO A | | | | | | 14-15 june, 2006 |
| • UUT6 Aliveness Test * Carrier Frequency | 406.028 ± 0.001 | MHz | | 406.0278536 | | |
| * Power Output | 35 - 39 | dBm | | 38.0 | | |
| * Data Message | must be correct | √ | | 36.0 | | |
| Data Wessage | must be correct | V | | V | | |
| • UUT7 Aliveness Test | | | | | | |
| * Carrier Frequency | 406.028 ± 0.001 | MHz | | 406.0278202 | | |
| * Power Output | 35 - 39 | dBm | | 36.9 | | |
| * Data Message | must be correct | V | | V | | |
| 6. SALT FOG TEST (A7.0) | | | | | | Chapter 7 |
| · | | | | | | • |
| 1 st Period : following RTCM Standard | | , | | , | | 15 june to |
| Exterior Mechanical Inspection | No damage | $\sqrt{}$ | | $\sqrt{}$ | | 21 june, 2006 |
| • UUT6 Aliveness Test | | | | | | |
| * Carrier Frequency | 406.028 ± 0.001 | MHz | | 406.0278668 | | |
| * Power Output | 35 - 39 | dBm | | 38.11 | | |
| * Data Message | must be correct | $\sqrt{}$ | | $\sqrt{}$ | | |
| • UUT7 Aliveness Test | 406.000 + 0.001 | | | 406.0070046 | | |
| * Carrier Frequency | 406.028 ± 0.001 | MHz | | 406.0278246 | | |
| * Power Output | 35 - 39 | dBm | | 37.3 | | |
| * Data Message | must be correct | $\sqrt{}$ | | V | | |
| 2 nd Period : following ETS/IEC Stds | | | | | | 21 june to |
| • Exterior Mechanical Inspection | No damage | $\sqrt{}$ | | $\sqrt{}$ | | 12 july,2006 |
| • Self Test | must be correct | V | | , | | - – J J , – v v v |
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| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (±3 °C) (-30 °C) | T amb. (±3 °C) (22 °C) | T max. (±3 °C) (°C) | COMMENTS |
| 7-A. DROP TEST | | | UUT6 | | | Chapter 8 |
| On Hard Surface (A8.1) | | | | | | 13 july 2006 |
| Exterior Mechanical Inspection | No damage | $\sqrt{}$ | \checkmark | | | |
| • Aliveness Test | | | | | | |
| * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | MHz dBm √ | 406.027841 37.2 √ | | | |
| 7-B. DROP TEST | | | | UUT6 | | Chapter 8 |
| In Water (A8.2) | | | | | | 13 july 2006 |
| Exterior Mechanical Inspection | No damage | \checkmark | | \checkmark | | |
| • Aliveness Test | | | | | | |
| * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | $_{\text{dBm}}^{\text{MHz}}$ | | 406.027828 37.2 √ | | |



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| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (±3 °C) (-20 °C) | T amb. (±3 °C) (22 °C) | T max. (±3 °C) (55°C) | COMMENTS |
| 8. LEAKAGE AND IMMERSION TEST (A9.0) • Aliveness Test * Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message • Interior Inspection | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct No water | MHz dBm √ √ | | UUT6 406.027831 37.7 √ √ | | Chapter 9 13 to 17 july 2006 |
| 9. SPURIOUS EMISSION TEST (A10.0) | | | | UUT3 | | Chapter 10 and Chapter 12 (C/S T.A. Tests |
| • 406 MHz | Figure 2-1 | √ (attach graphs) | | √ | | Results) |
| • 121.5 MHz | Figure 2-5 | √ (attach graphs) | | V | | |



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| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (±3 °C) (-30 °C) | T amb. (±3 °C) (22 °C) | T max. (±3 °C) (+70 °C) | COMMENTS |
| 10. THERMAL SHOCK TEST (A11.0) | | | UUT7 | | UUT6 | Chapter 11 |
| | | | $-31^{\circ} \rightarrow 0.1^{\circ}C$ | | +70° → +31°C | |
| Self-activation in water | ≤ 5 | minutes | < 0.1 | | < 0.1 | 17-19 july 2006 |
| • Aliveness Test : *Carrier Frequency * Power Output * Data Message | 406.028 ± 0.001 35 - 39 must be correct | MHz dBm √ | 406.0277819 37.0 √ | | 406.0278369 38.6 √ | |
| Frequency Stability Short term stability | ≤ 0.002 | parts/ million in 100 ms | ≤ 0.0002 | | ≤ 0.00014 | |
| * Medium term stability : • mean slope C/S T.001 & T.007 Stds | ≤ 0.001 ≤ 0.002 | parts/ million /minute | < 0.0013 | | < 0.0006 | Ok with Cospas / Sarsat T.001 &T.007 Standards |
| • residual frequency variation | ≤ 0.003 | parts/ million | < 0.002 | | < 0.0005 | Stalluarus |
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| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (±3 °C) (-20 °C) | T min. (±3 °C) (-20 °C) | T max. (±3 °C) (+55 °C) | COMMENTS |
| 11. COSPAS-SARSAT TYPE APPROVAL TESTS (A12.0) | C-S Certificate (attach test report) | V | V | V | V | Chapter 12 |
| 12OPERATIONAL LIFE, STROBE LIGHT AND SELF TESTS (A13.0) | | | UUT3 C/S Test | UUT7 RTCM Test | | Chapter 13 |
| Operational Life Results after 48 hours (A13.1) | | | | | | 20-24 july 2006 |
| Frequency Nominal Carrier Short-term stability | $406.028 \pm 0.001 \\ \leq 0.002$ | MHz parts/ million in 100 ms | 406.027807 < 0.0002 | 406.027798 < 0.0002 | | Results after 48 hours (C/S Oper. Life Test at min Temp. Chapter 13) |
| Medium term stability: Mean slope | ≤ 0.001 | parts/ million | < 0.0002 | < 0.0002 | | |
| * Residual variation | ≤ 0.003 | /min parts/ million | < 0.00053 | < 0.001 | | |
| • RF output power | 35-39 | dBm | 36.0 | 37.7 | | |
| • Strobe flash rate | 20-30 | /min | 22 | 22 | | |
| Auxiliary radio-locating Peak Envelope output Power | 14-20 | dBm | 18.3 | 20.2 | | |



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| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | UNITS | T min. (±3 °C) (-20 °C) | T amb. (±3 °C) (22 °C) | T max. (±3 °C) (55 °C) | COMMENTS |
| 13. STROBE LIGHT TEST (A13.2) 13.1 S.L.T Results during RTCM campaign on UUT7 • Flash rate • Effective intensity • Pulse duration • Visibility | 20-30 0.75 10 ⁻⁶ to 1 | /min Cd S | 22 2.9 | 22 3.0 0.101 √ | 22 3.1 | Chapter 13 and Chapter 12 (C/S Elec. & Funct Test at min, amb, and max Temp.) |
| 13.2 S.L.T Results after RTCM Test campaign with modified S.L pulse duration on UUT8 • Flash rate • Effective intensity • Pulse duration • Visibility | 20-30 0.75 10 ⁻⁶ to 1 | /min Cd S √ | 22 0.78 0.03 | 22 0.86 0.031 √ | 22 0.93 | · |



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|--|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| 14. AUTOMATIC RELEASE MECHANISM TEST (A14.0) | | | UUT6 | UUT6 | UUT7 | Chapter 14 |
| Normal mounted orientation Rolling 90° starboard Rolling 90° port Rolling 90° bow down Rolling 90° stern down Upside down | Release and float free before 4 meters; automatic activation | \ \ \ \ \ | √ | \lambda \lambd | √ | 2 august 2006 Just aceptable at lower stowage temperature |
| 15. BUOYANCY AND STABILITY TEST (A15.0) | | | | UUT6 | | Chapter 15 |
| Time to upright Reserve buoyancy Float upright ; Antenna base | ≤ 2 ≥ 5 > 4 | s % cm | | 1 40 > 6 | | 1 to 2 August 2006 |
| 16. INADVERTENT ACTIVATION TEST (A16.0)° | | | | UUT6 | | Chapter 16 |
| EUT not release from bracket | | V | | $\sqrt{}$ | | 17 july 2006 |
| EUT not automatically activate | | V | | √ | | |



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| | RANGE OF SPECIFICATION | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| PARAMÈTRES TO BE MEASURED DURING TESTS | | UNITS | T min. (±3 °C) (-40 °C) | T amb. (±3 °C) (22 °C) | T max. (±3 °C) (55 °C) | COMMENTS |
| 17. HOMING DEVICE TRANSMITTER TEST | | | | UUT3, UUT4 & UUT7 | | Chapter 17 |
| • Carrier frequency | 121.5 ± 0.006 | MHz | 121.5042 | 121.5023 | 121.5019 | and Chapter 12 (C/S T.A. Tests Results) |
| • Output Power (50 Ω) | 14-20 | dBm | 19.5 | 19.3 | 18.9 | July 2006 |
| Duty Cycle | 100 | % | 100 | 100 | 100 | |
| Modulation | | | | | | |
| * Frequency | ≤ 700 Hz within range of 300-1600 Hz | Hz | 490 → 1310 | 480 → 1320 | $490 \rightarrow 13200$ | |
| * Direction | Upward | $\sqrt{}$ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\sqrt{}$ | $\sqrt{}$ | |
| * Duty cycle | 33-55 | % | 50 | 50 | 50 | |
| *Factor | 0.85-1.0 | # | > 0.85 | > 0.85 | > 0.85 | |
| * Sweep repetition rate | 2 - 4 | Hz | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | |
| • Antenna | | | | | | |
| * EIRP | 14 dBm ≤ EIRP ≤ 20 dBm | | | 14.5 | | December 13 th , 2005 |
| * Pattern | Omnidirectional | $\sqrt{}$ | | $\sqrt{}$ | | |
| * Polarization | Vertical | | | $\sqrt{}$ | | |
| * VSWR | ≤ 1.5:1 | $\sqrt{}$ | | NA | | Not checked (Integrated Antenna) |



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| 18. HUMIDITY TEST (A18.0) | | | | UUT7 | | Chapter 18 |
| Aliveness Test : * Carrier frequency * Power Output | 406.028 ± 0.001 35-39 | MHz dBm | | | 406.025080 37.9 | 11 august 2006 |
| 19. ORIENTATION TEST (A19.0) | | | | UUT7 | | Chapter 19 |
| VERTICAL • Aliveness Test: * Carrier frequency * Power Output | 406.028 ± 0.001 35-39 | MHz dBm | | 406.027875 38.3 | | 18 may 2006 |
| UPSIDE DOWN • Aliveness Test: * Carrier frequency * Power Output | 406.028 ± 0.001 35-39 | MHz dBm | | 406.027825 37.3 | | 12 june 2006 |
| HORIZONTAL • Aliveness Test: * Carrier frequency * Power Output | 406.028 ± 0.001 35-39 | MHz dBm | | 406.027820 36.9 | | 15 june 2006 |