

The Compact Air Launched Ice Beacon (CALIB) is an Argos-reporting mini beacon that may be launched from either a fixed or rotary-wing aircraft. The CALIB buoys collect meteorological data in support of weather forecasting in polar climates and it is also used for ice flow tracking.

The standard CALIB is equipped with an Ice Surface Temperature Sensor (SST) and an alkaline battery pack for longevity. Additional sensors are available.







TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

PHYSICAL

 Hull Diameter
 5" (120 mm)

 Height
 36.10" (917 mm)

 Mass (in air)
 8.20 kg (18 lbs)

CONSTRUCTION

Hull Phenotic tube
Colour White

LAUNCH SPEED

0 to 200 knots Indicated Air Speed (IAS) maximum

LAUNCH ALTITUDE

152.40 m to 2,438.40 m (500 ft to 8,000 ft)

OPERATION

Air Temperature -50°C to 55°C (-58°F to 131°F)

Sunlight Direct exposure

Operating Life (alkaline) 3 months (at \geq -30°C)

Operating Life (lithium) 12 months (at \geq -40°C)

Battery Pack Size 20 D-cells

Storage Life (alkaline) 2 years (minimum) Storage Life (lithium) 5 years (minimum)

SURVIVAL

Air Temperature -60°C to 55°C (-76°F to 131°F)

ELECTRONICS*

Iridium Telemetry 9602N Short Burst Data

transceiver

SENSORS

Ice Surface Temperature YSI Model 44031

Battery Voltage Precision resistive divider

Barometric Pressure Valsala PMB-100 Pressure Sensor



^{*}Optional ARGOS Satellite Transmitter available