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1 406 PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS (PLB) INSP/ACCPT

REFERENCES:

NONE

TOOLS/TEST EQUIPMENT:

NONE

EXPENDABLES:

Fastener Tape, Hook, P/N: A-A-55126, CAGE: 58536, NIIN: 010331734 (Or equivalent) (If required)

CONSUMABLES:

Marker Assortment, Tube Type, P/N: 63630, CAGE: 0X226, NIIN: 012074167 (Or equivalent)

A TEST PLB

NOTE: Previously purchased McMurdo Fastfind 406 PLBs shall remain in service as long as they are serviceable. All new PLB procurements shall be for the ACR ResQLink PLB.

1. Test PLB, (Refer to Steps 2 D 1. through 2 D 3.).

B REGISTER PLB

NOTE: The primary means for beacon registration and update is the NOAA beacon registration database system https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/rgdb/. Contact NOAA SARSAT Beacon Registration directly at (888) 212-7283 if any issues are encountered with electronic registration.

- 1. Register PLB electronically (primary method).
 - a. Log into NOAA beacon registration database system: https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/rgdb/.
 - b. Follow website instructions to access block account or create new registration.
 - c. Enter the 15 digit beacon ID number.
 - d. Use the unit's information for "Owner/Operator" fields.
 - e. Use the units corresponding Sector OPCEN, or parent command 24 hour contact information for the "Emergency Contact" fields.

NOTE: Use manual registration method only if unable to register electronically.

2. Register PLB manually (secondary method).

NOTE: Official registration forms are available at https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/rgdb/forms.htm.

- a. Complete a 406 MHz EPIRB registration form, (Refer to Form 1).
- Mail or fax registration form to address or fax number listed at the top of the form.
- 3. Retain the registration form and registration sticker in unit files for future reference.



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C ATTACH HOOK FASTENER TAPE/VELCRO STRAP

NOTE: ACR ResQLink PLB is shipped with a 1 1/2 x 14 inch Velcro strap which attaches to the PLB.

- 1. Attach Velcro strap to ACR ResQLink PLB, (Refer to Figure 1).
- 2. Attach hook fastener tape to McMurdo Fastfind PLB.
 - a. Cut a 2 x 2 inch length of self adhesive hook fastener tape, P/N: A-A-55126.
 - Attach the hook fastener tape to the PLB battery cover 1/2-1 inch above the manufacturer's battery expiration date label, (Refer to Figure 2).

NOTE: The second battery expiration date is applied as a redundant safety measure.

c. Mark the battery expiration date on the battery cover using marker, P/N: 63630.

D ACCEPTANCE

NOTE: Use the manufacturer assigned 15 digit, unique beacon ID number as the serial number for the MPC sign-off. Do not use spaces or hyphens.

- 1. Mark the PLB serial number on the MPC sign-off sheet for Item 1.
- 2. Assign the beacon a unit generated field number.
- 3. Mark the field number on the exterior of the PLB using marker.
- 4. Record maintenance action by completing appropriate sign-off, adding any pertinent remarks.



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2 MONTHLY 406 PLB TEST

REFERENCES:

MPC S00056.0 MPC S00060.0

TOOLS/TEST EQUIPMENT:

NONE

EXPENDABLES:

Lanyard Securing Tag, P/N: 85-758, CAGE: U0913, NIIN: 01HS24563 (If required)
Personal Locator Beacon, ACR ResQLink, P/N: 2881.52, CAGE: 18560, NIIN: 01HS21127 (If required)
Velcro Strap, ACR ResQLink PLB, P/N: 9532, CAGE: 18560, NIIN: N/A (If required)

CONSUMABLES:

Marker Assortment, Tube Type, P/N: 63630, CAGE: 0X226, NIIN: 012074167 (Or equivalent) (If required)

A INSPECT PLB (ALL VERSIONS)

1. Inspect PLB case for the following:

NOTE: Surface scratches are acceptable. Any crack which affects the watertight integrity of the case requires that the PLB be removed from service.

- Cracks.
- b. Damage.
- Remove PLB from service if cracks or damage are noted.

NOTE: Use the NOAA beacon registration database system https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/rgdb/ as the primary means of registering and updating beacon status. Contact NOAA SARSAT Beacon Registration directly at (888) 212-7283 for any issues encountered with the database system.

- Deactivate PLB by changing beacon status to "Out of Service" via beacon registration database system.
- b. Send PLB to manufacturer's authorized facility for evaluation/repair.

NOTE: Perform one of the below steps once PLB is repaired and returned, or determined to be non-repairable.

- (1) Document PLB repair, (If required), (Comply with MPC \$00060.0).
 - (a) Reactivate repaired PLB by updating the beacon status to "Normal" via beacon registration database system.
- (2) Scrap PLB, (If required), (Comply with MPC S00056.0).
 - (a) Change beacon status to "Destroyed", if PLB is not repairable via the beacon registration database system.

NOTE: The only PLB authorized for new purchases is the ACR ResQLink.

(b) Replace PLB, P/N: 2881.52, (If required).



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- 3. Wash the exterior using fresh tap water.
- 4. Wipe the PLB dry using a clean, dry cloth.
- 5. Skip to Step 2 C 1. if PLB is ACR ResQLink.

B INSPECT MCMURDO FASTFIND/PLUS/MAX-G PLB

- 1. Inspect lanyard securing tag for cracks or damage.
 - a. Replace lanyard securing tag, P/N: 85-758, (If required), (Refer to Figure 3).
- 2. Check battery expiration date markings on the back of the PLB battery cover.
 - a. Replace battery if expired or if it will expire within the next 60 days, (Comply with Item 4).
 - b. Restore expiration date using marker, P/N: 63630, (If required), (Refer to Figure 1).
- 3. Check hook fastener tape installed on the battery cover for the following:
 - a. Wear.
 - b. Security of attachment.
- 4. Replace hook fastener tape, (If required), (Refer to Steps 1 C 2.a. through 1 C 2.c.).
- 5. Check legibility of field number marking on the PLB exterior.
 - a. Restore field number marking using marker, (If required).

C INSPECT ACR RESQLINK PLB

- 1. Inspect Velcro strap for the following:
 - a. Wear.
 - b. Security of attachment.
- 2. Replace Velcro strap, P/N: 9532, (If required), (Refer to Figure 1).
- Inspect PLB for the following:
 - a. Cracks around screws or antenna.
 - b. Inspect for loose or unstable antenna.
- 4. Remove PLB from service for repair if any of the above discrepancies are noted, (Refer to Steps 2 A 2.a. through 2 A 2.b.(2)(b)).

D TEST PLB

- 1. Test PLB.
 - a. Test McMurdo Fastfind/Fastfind Plus/Max-G PLB, (Refer to Figure 4).
 - b. Test ACR ResQLink PLB, (Refer to Figure 5).
- 2. Attempt test procedures again if PLB fails test.
- 3. Remove PLB from service for repair if it fails re-test, (Refer to Step 2 A 2.a. through 2 A 2.b.(2)(b)).
- 4. Record maintenance action by completing appropriate sign-off, adding any pertinent remarks.



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3 BIENNIAL 406 PLB RE-REGISTRATION REPORT

REFERENCES:

NONE

TOOLS/TEST EQUIPMENT:

NONE

EXPENDABLES:

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NONE

A RE-REGISTER PLB

NOTE: Use the NOAA beacon registration database system https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/rgdb/ as the primary means of registering and updating beacon status. Contact NOAA SARSAT Beacon Registration directly at (888) 212-7283 for any issues encountered with the database system.

- Re-register PLB electronically (primary method).
 - Log into NOAA beacon registration database system: www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov.
 - b. Tag the PLB which is due for renewal.
 - c. Click the "Update Beacon" button to verify/update information.
 - d. Update any information which is outdated or incorrect.
 - e. Select "UPDATE" after all information is verified or updated.
 - f. Click the "Renew Registration" button to complete renewal.

NOTE: Use manual registration method only if unable to register electronically.

Re-register PLB manually (secondary method).

NOTE: Official registration forms are available at https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/rgdb/forms.htm.

- a. Complete a 406 MHz EPIRB registration form, (Refer to Form 1).
- b. Mail or fax registration form to address or fax number listed at the top of the form.
- 3. Retain the registration form and registration sticker in unit files for future reference.
- 4. Retain the new registration form and sticker in unit files for future reference when received.
- 5. Record maintenance action by completing appropriate sign-off, adding any pertinent remarks.



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4 5 YEAR 406 PLB BATTERY REPLACE

REFERENCES:

NONE

TOOLS/TEST EQUIPMENT:

Torque Screwdriver, P/N: B107.300, CAGE: 05047, NIIN: 009430941 (Or equivalent) (If required)

EXPENDABLES:

Battery Replacement Kit (Selected):

McMurdo Fastfind/Plus/Max-G, P/N: 85-763-020A, CAGE: U0913, NIIN: 01HS24564

ACR ResQLink, P/N: 1103.52, CAGE: 18560, NIIN: N/A

CONSUMABLES:

Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol, USP, P/N: NDC00574-0067-16, CAGE: 55763,

NIIN: 006558366 (Or equivalent) (If required)

Marker Assortment, Tube Type, P/N: 63630, CAGE: 0X226, NIIN: 012074167 (Or equivalent)

A PRELIMINARY STEPS

WARNING

VARIOUS STEPS IN THIS PROCEDURE EMPLOY ITEMS ON THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LIST. BEFORE EXECUTING THIS MPC, REFER TO THE APPLICABLE MSDS/SDS FOR FULL SAFETY AND HANDLING PROCEDURES.

- 1. Determine if PLB version is McMurdo Fastfind or ACR ResQLink.
- 2. Proceed to Step 4 B 1. for McMurdo PLB battery replacement.
- 3. Proceed to Step 4 C 1. for ACR ResQLink PLB battery replacement.

B REPLACE MCMURDO FASTFIND/PLUS/MAX-G PLB BATTERY, (REFER TO Figure 6)

WARNING

LITHIUM BATTERIES CONTAIN HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND ARE REACTIVE MATERIALS. HANDLE IAW SPECIFIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CONCERNING LITHIUM BATTERIES OUTLINED IN NAVSEAINST 9310.1B. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

- 1. Remove battery retaining screw.
- 2. Remove battery.
- Remove lanyard securing tag.
- 4. Remove case screw o-rings.
 - a. Discard o-rings.
- Inspect battery pins for damage.
 - Remove PLB from service for repair, if pin damage is noted, (Refer to Steps 2 A 2.a. through 2 A 2.b.(2)(b)).
- 6. Install new o-rings (contained in battery replacement kit, P/N: 85-763-020A), over battery pins.
- 7. Set lanyard securing tag into place.



- 8. Install new battery.
- 9. Install battery retaining screw (contained in battery replacement kit) hand tight.
 - a. Torque screw to 36 in-oz using a torque screwdriver, P/N: B107.300.
- 10. Test PLB, (Refer to Figure 4).
- 11. Proceed to Step 4 D 1.

C REPLACE ACR RESQLINK PLB BATTERY

- 1. Lay the PLB on its face on a clean working surface, (Refer to Figure 7, Detail A).
- 2. Remove Velcro strap from PLB.
- 3. Deploy the antenna to make it point straight down.
- 4. Remove the two screws from the back case of the unit.
 - a. Discard screws.
- 5. Pull apart the front and back cases.
- 6. Place the front case face down on a clean area.
- 7. Unplug the battery connector from the electronic PC board assembly, (Refer to Figure 7, Detail B).
- 8. Inspect all brass threaded inserts and plastic areas around screws for cracks or failures.
- 9. Remove PLB from service for repair, if cracks or failures are noted, (Refer to Steps 2 A 2.a. through 2 A 2.b.(2)(b)).
- 10. Remove the black gasket between the front and back case.
 - a. Discard gasket.

WARNING

AVOID EYE CONTACT, SKIN CONTACT, INHALATION AND INGESTION WITH ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL. KEEP AWAY FROM ALL SOURCES OF IGNITION AND OXIDIZERS. USE IN A WELL VENTILATED AREA. APPROVED RESPIRATOR REQUIRED DURING USE. USE OF SPLASH PROOF GOGGLES AND/OR FACESHIELD REQUIRED DURING USE. USE OF PROPER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED. WASH EXPOSED SKIN THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.

- 11. Clean the edge of both front and back cases using isopropyl alcohol, P/N: NDC00574-0067-16, and a clean cotton towel.
- 12. Verify that the rubber insertion is properly in place before installing the new battery, (Refer to Figure 7, Detail C).
- 13. Rotate the antenna perpendicular to the unit, (Refer to Figure 8, Detail A).



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WARNING

AVOID EYE AND SKIN CONTACT WITH GREASE. KEEP AWAY FROM ALL OXIDIZERS. USE IN A WELL VENTILATED AREA. WASH EXPOSED SKIN THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.

- 14. Apply an even coating of high vacuum grease (contained in battery replacement kit, P/N: 1103.52), to the sealing surface of the front and back cases, (Refer to Figure 8, Detail B).
- 15. Use the label (contained in battery replacement kit) or permanent marker, P/N: 63630, to record the next replacement date (5 years) on the label on the body of the new battery.
- 16. Insert the new battery connector firmly into the receptacle on the electronic PC board.
- 17. Lay the battery down on the rubber insertion pad, close to the battery connectors on the PC board.
- 18. Fold the wire back and up towards the battery pack to ensure that it does not get pinched when the back and front case comes together, (Refer to Figure 9).
- 19. Insert new gasket (contained in battery replacement kit) into the sealing surface of the front cover.
- 20. Align the back cover ensuring the following, (Refer to Figure 10):

NOTE: There is a "compartment" formed in the back case where the battery will "nestle" when it is closed over the front.

- The battery is snug inside the compartment.
- b. The copper covered ridge in the back cover is going straight into the two clips in the PC board.
- c. The battery leads are not pinched.

CAUTION

USE CAUTION TO ENSURE THAT THE GASKET HAS NOT BEEN PINCHED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE CASE IN ANY LOCATION, DO NOT TOUCH THE HIGH VACUUM GREASE DURING THE BELOW STEP.

- 21. Place the back cover back onto the front case.
- 22. Lubricate the case screw o-rings (contained in battery replacement kit) with high vacuum grease (contained in battery replacement kit).
- 23. Insert new case screws (contained in battery replacement kit) with o-rings into back cover receptacles.
- 24. Hand-tighten the screws until the back cover evenly settles onto the gasket.
- 25. Torque screws to 64 in-oz using torque screwdriver.
- 26. Perform PLB self test, (Refer to Figure 5).
- 27. Remove the existing battery replacement date sticker from the following locations:
 - a. Back of the beacon case.
 - b. Inside of the folding back label.



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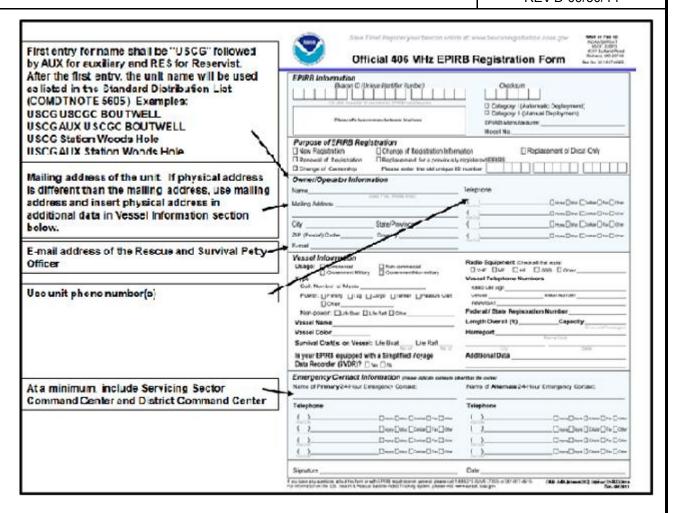
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- 28. Clean the area using isopropyl alcohol.
- 29. Install new battery replacement stickers.
- 30. Install Velcro strap, (Refer to Figure 1).

D FINAL STEPS

- 1. Ensure HAZMAT created or used during the MPC is properly stored, segregated, or disposed of IAW all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.
- 2. Record maintenance action by completing appropriate sign-off, adding any pertinent remarks.





EPIRB REGISTRATION FORM GUIDANCE (MANUAL REG.)
Form 1





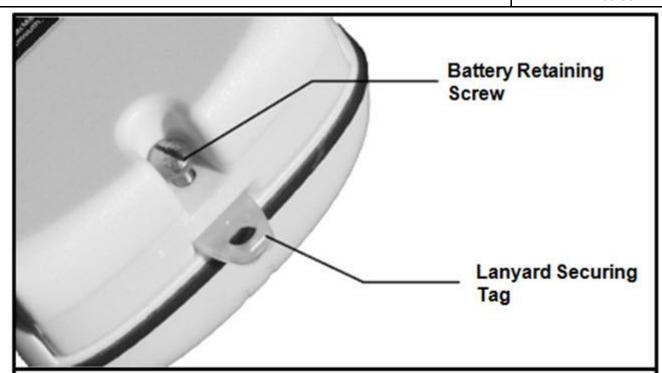
ACR RESQLINK VELCRO STRAP ATTACHMENT Figure 1





HOOK FASTENER TAPE (MCMURDO PLB)
Figure 2

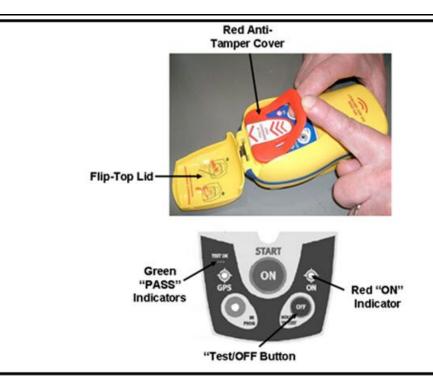




- Remover battery retaining screw.
- Remove battery.
- Discard lanyard securing tag.
- Install new lanyard securing tag.
- 5. Install battery.
- 6. Install battery retaining screw.
- 7. Tighten screw to 36 in-oz.

LANYARD SECURING TAG (FASTFIND PLB)
Figure 3





- Open flip-top lid.
- Slide finger under the handle of the red anti-tamper cover to locate the TEST/OFF button.
- Press and hold the TEST/OFF button for 10 seconds.
- 4. Self-Test pass is indicated by illuminated green indicator lights under "TEST OK" along with an audible alarm buzzer.
- 5. PLB will switch itself off after a successful self test.
- 6. Test fail is indicated by the three flashes of the red "ON" indicator light.

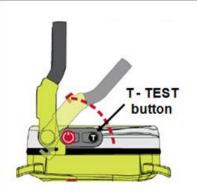
SELF-TEST (MCMURDO FASTFIND/PLUS/MAX-G)
Figure 4



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 Unclip the antenna latch from the case.



- Move the antenna into the upright position.
- Depress the "TEST" button for one full second.

Light So	heme	Light Meaning	
*		Self Test Passed	
*	**	Self Test Passed (Battery: <24 Hours)	
*	*	Self Test Fail	
*	**	Self Test Fail (Battery: <24 Hours)	
*		Battery Fail	

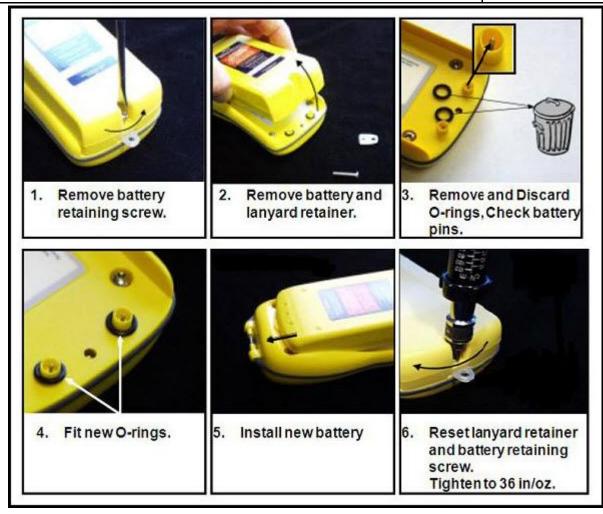
Green Light will flash followed by a Second Long Green Light flash and the strobe light. This indicates a successful Basic Self Test.

If a red LED flashes at the completion of the Self-test, the beacon has failed.

SELF-TEST (ACR RESQLINK PLB) Figure 5

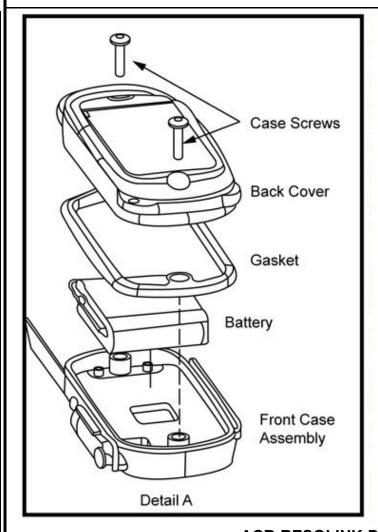


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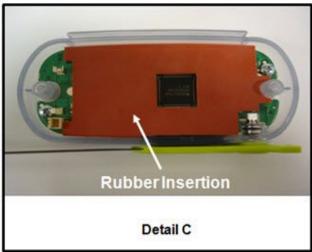


MCMURDO FASTFIND/PLUS/MAX-G BATTERY REPLACEMENT Figure 6





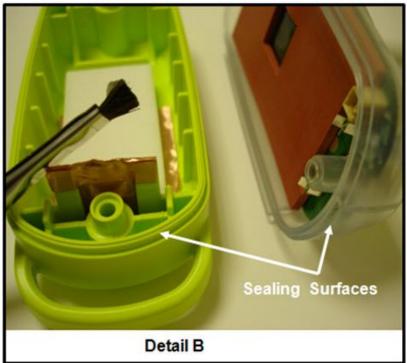




ACR RESQLINK DISASSEMBLY Figure 7





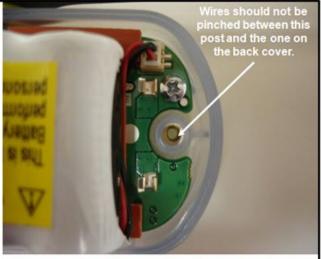


ACR RESQLINK – GREASE APPLICATION Figure 8



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Gently fold the wire back and up towards the battery pack to ensure that it does not get pinched when the back and front case comes together

BATTERY WIRE Figure 9





COVER INSTALLATION Figure 10

