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Cospas Sarsat ELT Technology MEOSAR and Second Generation Beacon Capabilities

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Cospas Sarsat MEOSAR and SGB

- The current C/S is based on a system of Low Earth Orbiting Satellites (LEO) and Geostationary satellites (GEO) capable of determining the independent location of an ELT without GNSS encoded position from the beacon.
- The next generation C/S enhances performance with a system of Medium Earth Orbiting (MEO) satellites to increase speed, coverage, and reliability of ELT detection.
- Second Generation beacons will have enhanced capabilities to operate on the MEOSAR system
- The purpose of this slide deck is to introduce the C/S MEOSAR system and the capabilities of Second Generation Beacons.



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C/S Satellite Coverage



Fixed Coverage

Moving Coverage

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MEOSAR System



MEOSAR Satellite System

	LEOSAR	MEOSAR	GEOSAR	
# Satellites	5	~75	7	
Satellite Orbit	Polar	55-65° planes about equator	GeoStationary Equatorial	
Altitude	1000km (620mi)	19,140-22,300km (11,900-14,400mi)	35,900km (22,300mi)	
Earth Orbit Time	~90 min	11-14 hr	N/A	
Maximum Latency	~45-60 min	1-2 Minutes	1-2 Minutes	
Earth Footprint	6%	37-39%	43%	
Satellite Instruments	Store and Forward ¹	Bent Pipe ²	Bent Pipe	
Independent Location	Doppler	TDOA ³ FDOA	N/A	
GNSS Msg	Y	Y	Y	

1. Holds data until satellite is within view of a ground station.

2.Relays data immediately, data is lost if ground station is not within view.

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Beacon Performance

- First Generation Beacons
- Performance specifications and Type Approval Requirements outlined in C/S T.001 and T.007.
- Narrow band frequency Modulation
- Primary Location is detection of the Doppler shift of the beacon signal as the satellites pass over.
- Multiple Satellite pass latency
- Locate accuracy ~ few kilometers
- Compatible with MEOSAR with reduced performance

- Second Generation Beacons
- Performance specifications and Type Approval Requirements outlined in C/S T.018 and T.021
- Spread Spectrum Modulation for better noise and interference immunity.
- Primary Location is based on multisatellite detection; "Reverse GPS"
- Location determination within seconds.
- Location accuracy ~100m target
- Increased System Reliability and Redundancy
- Increased Detection Probability Especially Fast Moving Objects



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	Parameter	Current First Gen Beacons			SGBs			
		LEO	GEO	MEO	MEO			
	Detection Time	Up to 2 Hrs	Within mins	Within mins	Within secs			
	Independent Location Capability	Yes	No	Yes	Yes			
	Independent Location Accuracy	5 km	N/A	5 km	100 m			
	Encoded Location Capability	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional			
	Encoded Location Resolution	4 sec (120m)	4 sec (120m)	4 sec (120m)	0.00003° (3.4m)			
	Time to First 406 Tx	50 sec to 5 min	50 sec to 5 min	50 sec to 5 min	Within 3 sec			
	Beacon Identity	15 Hex	15 Hex	15 Hex	23 Hex			
	SGB Added Features	N/A	N/A	N/A	Increased Detection Probability Increased Reliability (less False Alerts) Improved Crash Site Detection Added Message Features			
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Development and Regulatory Timelines

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	ICAO			Normal Flight Tracking			Distress Flight Tracking
	EASA			Normal Flight Tracking			Distress Flight Tracking
	FAA	No ruling					
	MEOSAR	Early Operation*		Initial Operation		Full Operation*	
ACR C This c	C/S SGB		Standards Published	Ready to Test and Certify (4Q)			
	T.001 T- ELT	Standards Published	Ground Segment Updated	T-ELT T.001 Beacons on Market			
	Beacon MFG		Start SGB Development		Submit SGB to Test and Certification	1 st SGB on the Market (3Q)	
	Airframe MFG	* Estimated			Airframer needs a TSO (1Q)		-