



EQUIPMENT TYPE		AUTOMATIC ACTIVATION	COVERAGE AREA	SENDS POSITION TO RCC*	GMDSS** COMPLIANT	"HOMING" FREQUENCY	MINIMUM BATTERY LIFE	TEXT TRANSMIT	TWO-WAY VOICE
GOV. SUPPORTED	GPS-EQUIPPED 406 MHz EPIRB	Available (Type 1)	Global	Yes	Yes	121.5 MHz	48 hrs.	No	No
	GPS-EQUIPPED 406 MHz PLB	No	Global	Yes	Yes	121.5 MHz	24 hrs.	No	No
	406 MHz PLB/ SAT. MESSENGER	No	Global	Yes	Yes	121.5 MHz	24 hrs.	Yes	No
PRIVATE	SAT. MESSENGER	No	Varies	No	No	None	None required	Yes	No
	SAT PHONE	No	Varies	No	No	None	None required	Yes	Yes

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