



SAFETY ALERT - TECHNICAL No. 52

GME EPIRB – PRODUCT RECALL

EPIRB Manufacturer GME have issued a Global Recall for a series of EPIRBs manufactured between January 2005 and February 2008. This recall applies only to MT400/ MT401/ MT403 models with serial numbers between 50101000 and 80250722. GME are concerned that they may not work in an emergency situation. The recall includes a replacement service.

Problem

GME have identified a fault with the microprocessor of certain units that effectively shuts down the beacon.

The affected beacons are those with serial numbers 50101000 – 80250722 from the MT400/MT401/MT403 ranges.

Action required

Those in possession of a GME EPIRB should check the beacon model and serial number. The serial number can be found on the left side of the beacon at the base of the identity panel.

If you find that you are in possession of one or more affected beacons, you are urged to contact recall@gme.net.au or your local distributor to arrange a replacement of your beacon at no extra charge.

GME would like to remind all EPIRB users, regardless of brand, that regular tests are essential. There should be a simple self-test mechanism on all units. Beacon batteries should be replaced at intervals recommended by the manufacturer.

For more information please see the GME website here: <http://www.gme.net.au/>. To view the recall issued on the GME website please follow this link: http://www.gme.net.au/public/pdf/brochures/47880-1_safetyrecall.pdf