

## **AUSTRALIAN APPROVED PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS (PLB)**

It is highly recommended that the AMSA web site be visited for more details of problems and warnings about purchasing overseas manufactured PLB's.

The following are published on the AMSA web site as approved PLB models:-

- ACR models - PLB 200/PLB 201; PLB 300Res-Q-fix; PLB 100 GyPSI 406
- GME models - MT 410/MT410G
- Kannad models - XS-3; 406XS; XS2; XS-2GPS
- McMurdo models - Fast/find/Fastfind plus; Fastfind MAX

AMSA warns that Canadian Class 2 PLB's, (they don't float!) and USA PLB's transmitting Morse code 'P' on the homing frequency, are not able to be registered in Australia.

See [http://beacons.amsa.gov.au/approved\\_models.asp](http://beacons.amsa.gov.au/approved_models.asp) for further detail.

All PLB's must be registered to an Australian address.

AMSA advises that certain units marketed as 'Tracking PLB's' are not recognized as PLB's, and do not operate using the Cospas/Sarsat system. Such items require an annual subscription to a third party organisation to refer information.

If the unit is a 'SPOT PLB Satellite messenger', Safety auditors have been advised to seek AMSA advice before accepting the unit.

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