

SMM 500 X SUBSURFACE MOORING MONITORING BEACON



Features:

- Titanium housing
- Up to 6 months mooring life in euphotic zone, up to ten years below
- Up to 9 months transmission life
- Powered by 5 D-type batteries
- Supports Lithium, Alkaline and NiMH batteries
- High efficiency “True Energy” switch mode power supply
- Water depth up to 500 metres
- Trigger threshold 4 metres
- Double O-ring seals
- Antenna protected by acetal dome
- Triggered by pressure switch

Sub-surface **M**ooring **M**onitoring remotely monitors underwater moorings that may accidentally rise to the surface. If the mooring breaks, the platform floats to the surface and starts transmitting.

CLS Service Argos has developed a special service for monitoring the status of the moorings. Normally a submerged Platform Transmitter Terminal (PTT) remains silent and undetected by the Argos satellites. Should the mooring break loose however, and the PTT rise to within a few metres of the surface, it will begin to transmit. An alarm state is set upon reception of the signal by an orbiting satellite and recognition and processing at a ground centre. A warning that the mooring line has surfaced, with its position, will be sent to the user by email or facsimile. Thereafter each satellite pass will result in another location. This will continue until cancelled by the user.

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HOW SMM WORKS

What happens if the mooring line of a subsurface mooring inadvertently breaks?

Normally the equipment and, more importantly, the data are lost. Ship and work time are also wasted because it is not until recovery is attempted that it is discovered that the mooring has broken loose.

But things have been changing. The concept of dedicated satellite-based subsurface mooring monitoring is taking shape at CLS Argos.

A RELIABLE SYSTEM

Argos is six satellites in orbit, two processing centres offering full redundancy, 20,000 platforms located every day. And Argos has been fully operational for more than thirty years.

WORLDWIDE OPERATION

The Argos satellites cover the entire surface of the earth, and the system is able to locate platforms with an accuracy of up to 150 m. Ideal for active monitoring of equipment moored close to the coast or offshore.

RAPID PAYOFF

With hours of sea search time saved, Argos subsurface mooring monitoring will pay for itself the first time a mooring breaks loose.

Specification:

Mooring depth	500 m
Pressure switch threshold	3 - 5 m
Dimensions (l x d)	853 x 60.3 mm
Mass without batteries	3.8 kg
Displacement	2.4 dm ³

ACTIVE MONITORING

The SMM 500 X subsurface mooring monitoring beacon goes down with the mooring up to 500 m with the PTT held off by a pressure switch.

If the mooring line should break, or when the mooring is being recovered, the PTT will switch on as it approaches the surface. In the first case, the beacon will transmit for the lifetime of the batteries in the second, the beacon is manually switched off after recovery.

The signal is received by the orbiting Argos satellites and location of the PTT determined at the processing centre. A warning message is sent at once by email, facsimile, or any other pre-arranged communication channel. Thereafter, the PTT is re-located on every satellite pass and a message sent giving its updated position, or this can be made available in a mailbox at the processing centre.

UNDERWATER UNIT

During development, the long term aspect of mooring was born in mind resulting in the use of titanium for the housing because this material suffers absolutely no corrosion in seawater, even around the sealing areas. Double O-ring seals are used throughout.

"TRUE ENERGY" SWITCH MODE POWER SUPPLY

The SMM X beacons contain a high efficiency switch mode power supply allowing the usage of a wide range of battery types and using up to 80% of battery energy for transmission. This gives up to 9 months of transmission life with Lithium batteries.

Power supply	5 pcs. D cells
Supported battery types	Lithium, Alkaline, NiMH
Battery cell voltage	0.8 - 3.7 V
Peak supply current	100 mA
Average power consumption	35 mW
Mooring life (*)	up to 10 years
Mooring life in euphotic zone (*)	up to 2 months
Transmission life (*)	up to 9 months

(*) Mooring and transmission life depend on the type of used batteries.



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