

AN/SSQ-53G DIFAR Sonobuoy

Passive Directional

The AN/SSQ-53G DIFAR US Navy A-size sonobuoy combines a passive directional and calibrated wide-band omni capability into a single multi-functional sonobuoy. This DIFAR sonobuoy has a GPS capability that requires Command function Select (CFS) for GPS operation. GPS is initially off at splash.

This sonobuoy features both Electronic Function Select (EFS) for use prior to loading and launching and Command Function Select (CFS) to allow the operator to modify the sonobuoy's modes of operation after it has been deployed in the water. These functions allow the operator to select operating mode (sensor selection), buoy life, depth setting, AGC level and RF channel.

The AN/SSQ-53G can operate in four acoustic sensor modes that are selectable via EFS or CFS. A Constant Shallow Omni (CSO) provides acoustic information at a fixed depth of 45 ft (13.7 m) while a Calibrated Omni (CO) co-located with the DIFAR sensor provides acoustic information at a selectable operational depth. The Calibrated Omni sensor can operate with acoustic bandwidths of 20 KHz (CO) or 40 KHz (XCO). The buoy amplifies the underwater acoustics and provides directional data necessary to establish bearing to the energy source.

The AN/SSQ-53G has GPS location reporting capabilities to transmit formatted messages. The Sonobuoy transmits the GPS messages per CFS commands on a subcarrier centered at 33.5 KHz for CSO, CO, and DIFAR modes or centered at 45 KHz for XCO mode.

The AN/SSQ-53G is air launchable from fixed or rotary-wing aircraft or can be deployed from the deck of a surface vessel. Descent of the sonobuoy is stabilized and slowed by a parachute.

- Acoustic Sensor Selections
 - CSO, CO, XCO, or DIFAR*
- EFS Selectable
 - RF Channel, Life, Depth, Sensor, AGC level*
- CFS Commandable
 - RF Channel, Life, Sensor, GPS, AGC Level*



SPECIFICATIONS

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PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Weight9.5 kg (21 lbs)
Sonobuoy Launch Container.....LAU-126/A

PERFORMANCE DATA

RF Command Receiver.....UHF – single channel
RF Transmitter Power Output.....1 W minimum
RF Transmitter Operating Frequency 97 Channel Selectable
(136.000 to 173.500 MHz)
Sensors/Audio Frequencies.....CSO (30 to 5000 Hz)
CO (5 to 20 KHz)
DIFAR (5 to 2400 Hz)
XCO (5 to 40 KHz)
Operating Life.....0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, or 8.0 hours
Operating Depth..... d1: 27 meters (90 ft)
d2: 61 meters (200 ft)
d3: 122 meters (400 ft)
d4: 305 meters (1000 ft)
EFS selections..... RF, Life, Depth, Sensor, and AGC
CFS selections.....RF, Life, Sensor, GPS and AGC
Launch Altitude..... 12 to 9144 meters (40 to 30000 ft)
Launch Speed..... 0 to 370 KIAS
Shelf Life 5 years in sealed container