Comparison guide Futronic GMDSS vs. Futronic MKII		
Communication and safety equipment	Futronic GMDSS	Futronic MKII The new test features are added to Futronic GMDSS's original test scope
VHF RADIOS	Seperate testing of VHF data	Automatic simultaneously testing of VHF data
	Testing DSC data, ATIS, frequency, power, VSWR and deviation seperately.	DSC data, frequency and power are measured simultaneously in one test.
	Limited VHF channels	Unlimited selection of VHF channels
	Test sensitivity on VHF radios on 4 fixed VHF channels.	Futronic MKII Manager provides the option to enter any avaliable VHF channel for sensitivity tests via PC control.
AIS TRANSPONDERS	Separate testing of all AIS data	Automatic simultaneous testing of all AIS data
	Measuring AIS data, frequency, power and VSWR seperately on Class A transponders.	All AIS data is measured simultaneously in one test on Class A transponders.
	Limited selection of messages	Extended selection of messages
	Testing request MSG 5 (class A)	Adds request MSG 11 UTC info and request MSG 24 (class B) to the test scope
	Limited selection of AIS transponders	Extended selection of AIS transponders
	Testing Base Station AIS transponders (MSG 4 and 11)	Adds testing of SAR Aircraft AIS transponders (MSG 9) and the Pilot plug



SEARCH AND RESCUE TRANSPONDERS	Testing all former required frequencies	Continually updated with all future frequency requirements on Search and Rescue transponders
	Measuring data & frequency on EPIRB	In addition to the existing data and frequencies tested on Search and Rescue
	Measuring beacon data & frequency on AIS SART	transponders, Futronic MKII adds the latest 406.031 MHz frequency on EPIRB.
	Sepetate testing of AIS channels on AIS SARTS and MoB devices.	Silmultaneously testing of both AIS channels on AIS SARTS and MoB devices.
Specifications		
BATTERY	Limited battery capacity	Battery capacity for one full day operation
	The limited battery capacity allows for approximately 4 hours operation. 15V re-charging.	Futronic MKII provides a full day operation with no re-charging. 10V re-charging for on the move in-car charging.
DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT	Dimensions and weight	Smaller dimensions and reduced weight
	Dimensions: 260x103x258 mm	Dimensions: 103x258x140 mm
	Weight: 4,2 Kg	Weight: 2.8 kg
PC CONNECTION	PC connection	Easy PC connection
	Futronic GMDSS is connected to the PC via serial port.	Futronic MKII is connected to the PC via USB cable.
PC SOFTWARE	Simple PC program, Test box manager	Advanced PC program, Futronic MKII Manager
	Test box manager features, AIS results and composing of AIS and DSC messages.	Futronic MKII manager additionally allows for PC control of the Futronic MKII test box, automatic generation of reports and display of results alligned with the classicifation societies service reports for faster reporting procedures.
SOFTWARE UPDATES	No software update avaliable	Continually software updated with new and improved features

