

The BA386 is an intrinsically safe field mounting beacon which produces a bright flashing warning signal in a hazardous area. This beacon is significantly less expensive than the traditional Xenon devices, although it has a similar light output, flashes more frequently and is available in five different colours.

The beacon may be used alone, or in conjunction with a BEKA intrinsically safe sounder. The high efficiency of the BA386 enables the beacon and the sounder to be powered from a common Zener barrier or galvanic isolator. In combined systems this eliminates one barrier or isolator and associated wiring, thus simplifying the installation and further reducing cost.

Alarm accept is another unique feature of the BA386 which in combined systems enables the sounder to be silenced for a pre-set time leaving the beacon flashing twice per second. The alarm is accepted by momentarily closing a pair of external contacts, such as a push-button which may be located in the hazardous or the safe area. The sounder silence time may be pre-set for between 1 and 30 minutes.

Main application of the BA386 beacon is to provide a visible warning in a noisy hazardous process area where a sounder is not easily identified. The beacon may be powered from a wide variety of Zener barriers or galvanic isolators and may be controlled by any contact or dc supply in the safe area. It may also be switched in the hazardous area by an intrinsically safe relay or any equipment with an intrinsically safe output such as the alarm output of a BEKA indicator or totaliser.

When the BA386 beacon is used in conjunction with a BEKA intrinsically safe sounder it forms a combined audio visual alarm with integral sounder silence facilities. It is ideal where an operator needs to be advised that an alarm condition has occurred, but wishes to silence the intrusive audible warning.

If the alarm condition is not corrected during the silence period, the sounder will be re-activated when the pre-set silence time has expired.

**International certification** permits installation in Zones 0, 1 or 2. For applications in the USA, the BA386 also has FM intrinsic safety and nonincendive approval.

The flame retardant enclosure provides IP66 protection and is suitable for external mounting in sheltered locations. Cable entry is via 20mm untapped holes in the two opposite sides of the enclosure and there is a 'knock-out' in the rear for an additional entry.

When used with a BEKA BR385 sounder, the beacon may be mounted onto the base of the sounder to form a combined assembly, or may be mounted separately.

A complementary intrinsically safe steady state beacon with five different colour output options is also available. These BA386S beacons provide a continuous status indication when a flashing warning is not required.



# BA386 LED flashing beacon

Intrinsically safe for use in all hazardous gas areas

- Intrinsically safe
- Red, amber, green blue & white models.
- Two double flashes per second.
- Will power BEKA intrinsically safe sounder.
- IP66 enclosure
- Incorporates alarm accept function to silence sounder.
- ♦ 3 year guarantee

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## **SPECIFICATION**

Power supply

Voltage 10 to 28V

(across terminals 1 & 2)

Not damaged by temporary connection to the supply without a Zener barrier or galvanic

isolator in circuit.

When powered from 24V supply via Current

28V 93mA Zener barrier.

Alone 25mA typical With BR385 sounder 40mA typical

Output

Brightness Equivalent to 0.5 Joule xenon beacon

Frequency Alone

2Hz (2 double flashes per second)

With BR385 sounder

1Hz (1 double flash per second) silenced 2Hz (2 double flashes per second)

(alarm accepted)

Reduced by typically 2dB when used with

beacon.

Response

Sounder output

On time First flash within 2 seconds of supply being

connected

Off time Last flash less than 5 seconds after supply is

removed.

To guarantee alarm accept status, supply Repeat alarm

should not be reconnected within 5 seconds

of disconnection.

Intrinsic safety

**Europe ATEX & UK UKCA** 

Code Group II Category 1G

Ex ia op is IIC T4 Ga -40°C  $\leq$  Ta  $\leq$  60°C

ITS02ATEX2006X & ITS21UKEX0077X Cert. No.

International IECEx

Cert. No.

Ex ia op is IIC T4 Ga Code

-40°C ≤ Ta ≤ 60°C IECEx ITS 17.0052X

Installation May be powered from any certified Zener

barrier or galvanic isolator whose output

parameters do not exceed:

With BR385 Alone Uo 28Vdc 28Vdc 110mA lo 93mA Ро 0.8W 0.66W

Location Zone 0. 1 or 2

Accept input terminals

5 & 6.

May be connected to any mechanically activated switch having IP20 protection which is capable of withstanding an ac test voltage

of 500Vrms to earth for one minute.

USA FM Does not include use with BR385 sounder

Standard

3610 Entity CL.1, Div. 1, Gp. A, B, C and D Code

CL 1, Zone 0, AEx ia IIC T4 T4 at 60°C

File No

Standard 3611 Nonincendive.

CL.1, Div. 2, Gp. A, B, C and D CL 1, Zone 2, IIC T4 T4 at 60°C Code

File No

India CCOE/PESO As ATEX - See certificate

Environmental

-20 to 60°C (certified for use at -40°C) Operating temp

-40 to 85°C Storage temp To 95% @ 40°C Humidity Enclosure

**FMC** Complies with EU & UK EMC Directives

Mechanical

Removable with screw clamp for 0.5 to Terminals

1.5mm2 cable.

Weight 0.4kg

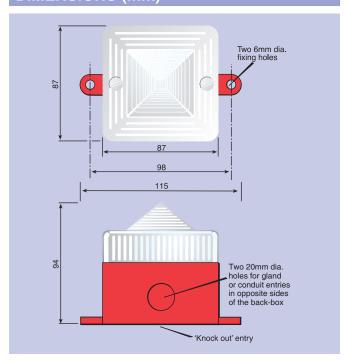
Accessories

Thermally printed tag strip secured by screws. Tag strip

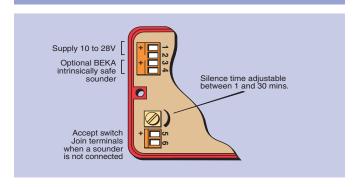
Combining kit Gasket and conduit fitting for mounting BA386

beacon onto bottom of BR385 sounder.

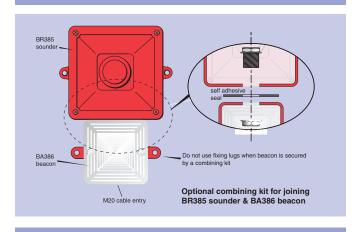
# **DIMENSIONS (mm)**



# **TERMINAL CONNECTIONS**



#### **COMBINING KIT**



# **HOW TO ORDER**

Please specify Colour Model number Red **BA386R** BA386A Amber BA386G Green BA386B Blue White **BA386W** 

Accessories Please specify if required

Tag strip Combining kit for joining beacon & BR385 sounder. '

Legend

Combining kit

Supplied free of charge on request when sounder and beacon are purchased at the same time