

## GROUND/AIR EMERGENCY CODE

To Be Used to Amplify Distress Signals

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Lay out these symbols by using strips of fabric or parachutes, pieces of wood, stones, or any other available material.
2. Endeavor to provide as big a color contrast as possible between the material used for the symbols and the background against which the symbols are exposed.

3. Symbols should be at least 6 ft. in height or larger, of possible. Care should be taken to lay out symbols exactly as depicted to avoid confusion with other symbols.

4. In addition to using these symbols, every effort is to be made to attract attention by means of radio, flares, smoke, or other available means.

No.	Meaning	Symbol	No.	Meaning	Symbol	No.	Meaning	Symbol
1.	Require doctor. Serious injuries.		7.	Require signal lamp with battery, and radio.		13.	Require fuel and oil.	
2.	Require medical supplies.		8.	Indicate direction to proceed.		14.	All well.	
3.	Unable to proceed.		9.	Am proceeding in this direction.		15.	NO.	
4.	Require food and water.		10.	Will attempt take-off.		16.	YES.	
5.	Require firearms and ammunition.		11.	Aircraft seriously damaged.		17.	Not understood.	
6.	Require map and compass.		12.	Probably safe to land here.		18.	Require Engineer.	

### AIRCRAFT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

**Message Received and Understood.**—An aircraft will indicate that ground signals have been seen and understood by—

1. Rocking from side to side, or
2. Making green flashes on signalling lamp.

**Message NOT Understood.**—An aircraft will indicate that ground signals are not understood by—

1. Making a complete right-hand circuit, or
2. Making red flashes on signalling lamp.

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## FRONT

**LIFE RAFT PAULIN SIGNALS**  
NOTE.—Solid lines = blue. Dotted lines = yellow.

The pilot of the rescue plane will answer your messages either by dropping a note or by dipping the nose of his plane for the affirmative (yes) and fathailing his plane for the negative (no).

	LAND—Need gas and oil.		LAND—Need gas and oil.
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## REAR

**Body Signals**

	Land here. (Point in direction of landing.)		Use drop message		Negative (No)
	Do not attempt to land here.		Our reserves is exhausted.		Affirmative (Yes)
	Need medical assistance—Urgent. Lie prone.		Can proceed, shortly—Wait if practicable.		Fetch us up—Flare on hand done.
	All O. K. Do not wait.		Need mechanical help or parts—Long delay.		

Figure 9-11. GND/AIR Emergency Code Card