
Acronyms in Report 16, 2nd Edition: Guidebook for Managing Small Airports

A4A	Airlines for America
A/A	air/air
A/C	aircraft
A/G	air to ground
A/I	accident(s)/incident(s)
AAAE	American Association of Airport Executives
AAC	aircraft approach category
AAE	accredited airport executive
AALS	advanced approach and landing system
AASR	airways and airport surveillance radar
ABT	about
ABV	above
AC	advisory circular
ACAD	auto computer-aided design (operator-input+display system)
ACE	Army Corps of Engineers
ACI	Airports Council International
ACID	aircraft identification (ICAO)
ACI-NA	Airports Council International–North America
ACIP	Airports Capital Improvement Plan
ACL	altimeter check location
ACM	airport certification manual

ACPT	accept or accepted
ACR	air carrier
ACRP	Airport Cooperative Research Program
ACS	airport certification specifications
AD	airworthiness directive
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADF	automatic direction finding
ADG	airplane design group
ADM	administrative/administration
ADO	Airports district office
ADPG	ATM data processing sub-group
ADS-B	automatic dependent surveillance–broadcast
ADZ	advise
ADZD	advised
ADZY	advisory
AEP	airport emergency plan
AFB	Air Force base
AFFF	aqueous film-forming foam
AFSS	automated flight service station
AGL	above ground level
AIM	Aeronautical Information Manual
AIP	Airport Improvement Program
ALP	airport layout plan

ALPA	Air Line Pilots Association, International
ALRT	alert
ALS	approach lighting system
ALT	alternate
ALT	altitude
AMGR	airport manager
AMP	airport master plan
AOA	air operations area
AOC	airport operating certificate
AOCI	Airport Operators Council International
AOPA	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
AOZO	airport overlay zoning ordinance
AP	airport
APAPI	abbreviated precision approach path indicator
APCH	approach
APL	aircraft parking line limit
APLGT	airport lighting
APP	approach center/control (office/service)
APRC	approach reference code
APRT	airport
APT	airport(s)
APV	approach with vertical guidance (for GPS approaches)
ARC	airport reference code

ARFF	aircraft rescue and firefighting
ARINC	Aeronautical Radio Incorporated (a nonprofit corporation owned by member airlines to define form, fit and functions of avionics equipment)
ARP	airport reference point
ARTCC	air route traffic control center
ARTS	automated radar terminal system
ASC	airport security coordinator
ASD	air service development
ASDA	accelerate stop distance available
ASMGCS	advanced surface movement guidance and control systems
ASOS	automated surface observation system
ASPH	asphalt
ASR	airport surveillance radar
ATA	actual time of arrival
ATC	air traffic control
ATCT	airport traffic control tower
ATIS	automatic terminal information service
ATO	Air Traffic Organization
ATP	airline transport pilot
AUTH	authority
AUTH	authorized or authorization
AUTOCAD	automatic computer-aided design
AVAIL	available

AVBL	available
AVG	average
AVGAS	aviation gasoline
AWOS	Automated Weather Observing System
BAS	building automation system
BASE	cloud base
BASH	bird aircraft strike hazard
BC	patches (meteo)
BCN	beacon
BKN	broken (meteo)
BL	blowing (meteo)
BRL	building restriction line
BYD	beyond
CAP	civil air patrol
CAT Ex	categorical exclusion
CAT I	Facility providing operation down to 200 feet decision height and runway visual range not less than 2,600 feet
CAT II a	Facility providing operation with no decision height limit to and along the surface of the runway, with external visual reference during final phase of landing and with a runway visual range not less than 700 feet
CAT II	Facility providing operation down to 100 feet decision height and runway visual range not less than 1,200 feet
CAT x	Category x precision approach (I, II or III)

Cat	category
CBP	Customs and Border Protection
CCTV	closed-circuit television
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFC	customer facility charge
CFI	certified flight instructor
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHRC	fingerprint-based criminal history records checks
CIG(s)	ceiling(s)
CIP	capital improvement program
CMG	cockpit to main gear
CMSND	commissioned
COM	communications (ICAO)
CONC	concrete
CONDAR	conflict detection and resolution
CONDOR	confidential direct occurrence report
CONF	conflict
CONFACP	conflict accept
CONOPS	Concept of Operations Mode S in Europe
CONP	connection-oriented network protocol
ConRACs	consolidated rental car facilities
CONS	continuous
CONST	construction or constructed

CSPP	construction safety and phasing plan
CTAF	common traffic advisory frequency
DA	decision altitude
dB	decibel
DBE	disadvantaged business enterprise
DEL	delete
DEP	depart, departure
DIS	distance
DME	distance measuring equipment
DNL	day-night average sound level
DOT	department of transportation
DR	low drifting (followed by DU SA or SN)
DS	dust storm (meteo)
DSPLCD	displaced
DTG	distance-to-go
DU	dust (meteo)
DUATS	Direct User Access Terminal Service
DW	dual wheels
DZ	drizzle
EA	environmental assessment
EAA	Experimental Aircraft Association
EAS	essential air service
EDDA	environmental due diligence audit

EFAS	En Route Flight Advisory Service
EIS	environmental impact statement
ELT	emergency locator transmitter
EMAS	engineered materials arresting system
EMMP	equipment maintenance management program
END	stop-end (related to RVR)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EST	estimated
ETA	estimated time of arrival/estimating arrival
ETD	estimated time of departure
ETE	estimated time of entry
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FARs	Federal Aviation Regulations
FBO	fixed-base operator
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDR	full-depth reclamation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FG	fog (meteo)
FICON	field condition
FIDS	flight information display system
FIMs	facility improvement measures
FLD	field
FLT	flight

FLT/PLN	flight plan
FMV	fair market value
FNS	Federal NOTAM System
FOD	foreign object damage (debris)
FONSI	finding of no significant impact
FRONT	front (relating to weather)
FRQ	frequent
FSD	federal security director
FSDO	Flight Standards District Office
FSL	full stop landing
FSS	flight service station
FU	smoke (meteo)
FZ	freezing (meteo)
FZDZ	freezing drizzle
FZFG	freezing fog
FZRA	freezing rain
G	gusts (meteo)
G/G	ground/ground
GA	general aviation
GAMA	General Aviation Manufacturers Association
GHG	greenhouse gases
GIS	Geographic Information System
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time

GND	ground level
GOVT	government
GP	glide path
GPS	Global Positioning System
GPU	ground power unit
GQS	glideslope qualification surface
GR	hail > 5 mm (meteo)
GRASS	grass landing area
GRVL	gravel
GS	glide slope indicator
GS	small hail or snow pellets (meteo)
GW	gross weight
HDG	heading
HIRL	high intensity runway lights
HURCN	hurricane
HVY	heavy
IAAE	International Association of Airport Executives
IC	ice crystals (meteo) (very small; also known as diamond dust)
ICAA	International Civil Airports Association
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IFE	independent fee estimate
IFR	instrument flight rules
ILS	instrument landing system

IM	inner marker
INOP	inoperative
INSTR	instrument
INTST	intensity
IROPS	irregular operations
ITP	into plane
KPI	key performance indicators
LAA	local airport advisory
LAAS	local area augmentation system
LAHSO	land and hold short operations
LCTD	located
LDA	landing distance available
LDI	landing direction indicator
LED	light-emitting diode
LEED®	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
LF	low frequency
LGT	light or lighting
LGTD	lighted
LIH	light intensity high
LIL	light intensity low
LIM	light intensity medium
LLWAS	low-level windshear alert system
LNAV	lateral navigation (for GPS approaches)

LOA	letter of agreement
LOC	localizer (part of an ILS system)
LPV	localizer performance with vertical guidance (for GPS approaches)
LSA	light sport aircraft
LVL	level
LVP	low-visibility procedure
LYR	layer or layered
MAG	magnetic
MAGVAR	magnetic variation
MAINT	maintenance
MALS	medium intensity approach lighting system
MALSF	medium intensity approach lighting system with sequenced flashers
MALSR	medium intensity approach lighting system with runway alignment indicator lights
MAP	missed approach point
MAP	military airport program
Mb	millibars
MDA	minimum descent altitude
MET	meteorological (office)
MET	meteorological or request METAR
METAR	meteorological aviation routine weather report/actual report
MHVDF	medium, high and very high frequency direction-finding station (at the same location)

MHz	megahertz
MID	mid-point (related to RVR)
MIL	military
MIN	minimum
Min	minutes
MIRL	medium intensity runway light
MLS	microwave landing system
MM	middle marker
MN	magnetic north
MOA	memorandum of agreement
MOA	military operations area
MOD	moderate (used to indicate the intensity of weather phenomena, interference or static reports, e.g., MOD RA = moderate rain)
MOGAS	motor gasoline
MOS	minimum operating strip
MOS	modification to standards
MOU	memorandum of understanding
MPH	statute miles per hour
MPO	metropolitan planning organization
MSL	mean sea level
MTOW	maximum takeoff weight
MUNI	municipal
MVAR	magnetic variation

NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NAS	National Airspace System
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (U.S.)
NASAO	National Association of State Aviation Officials
NAS-Plan	National Airspace System Plan
NATA	National Air Transportation Association
NAV	navigation
NAVAID	navigational aid
NBAA	National Business Aviation Association
NDB	nondirectional beacon
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NextGen	Next Generation Air Transportation System
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NM	nautical mile = 1.1508 statute miles
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NONSTD	nonstandard
NOSIG	no significant change (used in trend-type landing forecasts)
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen
NOTAMC	NOTAM cancelling another NOTAM
NOTAMN	new NOTAM
NOTAMR	NOTAM replacing another NOTAM
NPA	nonprecision Approach

NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPE	nonprimary entitlement
NPIAS	National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
NPRM	notice of proposed rulemaking (FAA)
NTAP	Notice to Airmen publication
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board (U.S.)
NWS	National Weather Service
OBSC	obscured, obscure or obscuring
OBST	obstacle, obstruction
OBSTL	obstruction Lights
OCS	obstacle clearance surface
OE/AAA	Obstruction Evaluation/Airport Airspace Analysis
OFA	object-free area
OFZ	obstacle-free zone
OJT	on-the-job training
OPLAN	operational plan
OPS	operations
OTS	out of service
OVC	overcast (meteo)
OVR	over
PA	precision approach
PAPI	precision approach path indicator
PAT	pattern

PAX	passengers
PBN	performance-based navigation
PCI	pavement condition index
PCL	pilot-controlled lighting
PE	ice pellets
PFC	passenger facility charges
PIREP	pilot weather report (ICAO)
PMP	pavement management program or pavement maintenance management program
PNR	prior notice required
PPR	prior permission required
PRKG	parking
PRL	pilot request, level (service)
PRM	precision runway monitor
PROP	propeller
R	right (runway identification)
RADAR	radio detecting and ranging
RAG	runway arresting gear
RAI	runway alignment indicator
RAIL	runway alignment indicator lights
RAPCON	radar approach control facility
RCAM	runway condition assessments matrix
RCL	runway center line

RCLL	runway center line lights
RCMT	regulation compliance management tool
RCR	runway condition reading
RDC	runway design code
REDL	runway edge light(s)
REIL	runway end identifier lights
RENL	runway end light(s)
RESA	runway end safety area (ICAO)
RF	radio frequency
RF	rescue and firefighting
RFI	request for information
RFQ	request for qualifications
RL	runway lights
RMK	remark(s)
RNAV	area navigation (generic acronym for any device capable of aircraft guidance between pilot-defined waypoints)
RNP	required navigation performance
ROD	record of decision
RPZ	runway protection zone
RQRD	required
RSA	runway safety area
RTE	route
RTHL	runway threshold light(s)

RTN	return or returned or returning
RTO	reduced takeoff and landing
RTS	return to service
RVR	runway visual range
RVRM	runway visual range midpoint
RVRR	runway visual range rollout
RVRT	runway visual range touchdown
RW	runway
RWEWP	runway end waypoint
RWIWP	runway intercept waypoint
RWY WP	runway waypoint
RWY	runway
SA	sand (meteo)
SASO	specialized aviation service operation
SCASDP	Small Community Air Service Development Program
SG	snow grains (meteo)
SGHAT	Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool
SICP	snow and ice control plan
SID	standard instrument departure (route)
SIDA	secure identification display area
SIGMET	significant meteorological information (broadcast warnings of weather hazards)
SIGWX	significant Weather
SIR	packed or compacted snow and ice on runway(s)

SMGC	surface movement guidance and control
SMO	FAA system management office
SMS	safety management system
SN	snow (meteo)
SNOWTAM	A special series NOTAM noting the presence or removal of hazardous conditions due to snow, ice, slush or standing water associated with snow, slush and ice on the movement area, by means of a specific pro forma.
SOP	standard operating procedures
SOQ	statements of qualifications
SPCC	Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan
SRA	safety risk assessment
SRE	snow removal equipment
SRM	safety risk management
SS	sand storm (meteo)
SSI	sensitive security information
STA	sequence/scheduled time of arrival
STA	straight-in approach
STAR	standard terminal arrival route
STD	scheduled time of departure
STD	standard (altimeter setting)
STN	station
STOL	short takeoff and landing
SUA	special use airspace

sUAV	small unmanned aerial vehicle
SVC	service (message)
SVCBL	serviceable
SVFR	special VFR
SWOT	strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats
SWPPP	stormwater pollution prevention plan
SWY	stopway (ICAO)
T	temperature
T/O	takeoff
TA	traffic advisory (ACAS/TCAS)
TACAN	UHF tactical air navigation aid (azimuth and DME)
TALPA	takeoff and landing performance assessment
TAS	traffic advisory system
TBA	to be advised
TBD	to be determined (defined)
TBL	triple bottom line
TCAS	traffic (alert and) collision avoidance system
TCH	threshold crossing height
TDG	taxiway design group
TDR	transfer of development rights
TDZ LGT	touchdown zone lights
TDZ	touchdown zone
TDZL	touchdown zone lights

TEMP	temperature
TERPS	terminal instrument procedures
TFMSC	traffic flow management system counts
TFR	temporary flight restriction
TGL	touch-and-go landing
THDG	true heading
TIP	transportation improvement program
TLOF	touchdown and lift-off area
TN	true north
TO	takeoff
TODA	takeoff distance available
TORA	takeoff run available
TRB	Transportation Research Board
TRSA	terminal radar service area
TSA	taxiway safety area
TSA	Transportation Security Administration
TSR	transportation security regulation
TW	taxiway
TWS	Terminal Weather Service (ICAO)
TWY	taxiway
TWYL	taxiway lights
UAS	unmanned aircraft system
UAV	unmanned aerial vehicle

UFA	user-fee airports
UFN	until further notice
UFO	unidentified flying object
UGM	urban growth management
UHF	ultra high frequency
UNAVBL	unavailable
UNL	unlimited
UNLGT	unlighted
UNMKD	unmarked
UNMNT	unmonitored
USC	United States Code
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
UTC	Universal Time Coordinates
VALE	Voluntary Airport Low Emission Program
VASI	visual approach slope indicator
VDP	visual descent point
VFR	visual flight rules
VHF	very high frequency
VIS	visibility
VLJ	very light jet
VNAV	vertical navigation (for GPS approaches)
VOL	volume

VOR	VHF omnidirectional range
VOR-DME	VHF omnidirectional range/distance measurement equipment
VORTAC, VOR/TAC or VOR-TACAN	combined VOR and TACAN
VS	visibility
VTOL	vertical takeoff and landing
WAAS	wide-area augmentation system
WAC	world aeronautical chart
WAFS	World Area Forecast System
WHA	wildlife hazard assessment
WHMP	wildlife hazard management plan
WHSV	wildlife hazard site visit
WHWG	wildlife hazard working group
WILCO	will comply
WINDMG	wind magnitude
WINDR	wind direction
WKN	weaken or weakening
WND	wind
WPT	waypoint
WQC	water quality certificate
WRNG	warning
WS	wind shear
WSPD	wind speed
WSR	wet snow on runway(s)

WT	weight
WTR	water on runway(s)
WTWS	wind shear and turbulence warning system
WWW	World Wide Web (Internet)
WX	weather
X-BAND	frequency range between 8000 and 12500 MHz
XFSS	auxiliary flight service station
XMIT	transmit
X-Wind	crosswind
XX	heavy (used to qualify weather such as rain; e.g., heavy rain = XXRA)
Z	Zulu time (Greenwich Mean Time)
