

Airport Acronym's

A

A/C	Aircraft
ACFT	Aircraft
ADAP	Aircraft Development Aid Program
ADS-B	Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast
AF	Airway Facilities
AFB	Air Force Base
AFSS	Automated Flight Service Station
AGL	Above Ground Level
AIM	Airman's Information Manual
AIP	Airport Improvement Plan
ALS	Approach Lighting System
AMASS	Airport Movement Area Safety System
AMP	ARINC MESSAGE Processor or Airport Master Plan
ANG	Air National Guard Base
AOA	Air Operations Area
AP	Acquisition Plan
APP	Approach
APS	Airport Planning Standard
ARFF	Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting
ARP	Airport Reference Point
ARSA	Airport Service Radar Area
ARSR	Air Route Surveillance Radar
ARTCC	Air Route Traffic Control Center
ARTS	Automated Radar Terminal System
ASCP	Aviation System Capacity Plan
ASOS	Automated Surface Observation System
ATA	Air Transport Association of America
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATCCC	Air Traffic Control Command Center
ATCO	Air Taxi Commercial Operator
ATCT	Airport Traffic Control Tower
ATIS	Automated Terminal Information Service
ATISR	ATIS Recorder
AWIS	Airport Weather Information
AWOS	Automated Weather Observation System

B

BCA	Benefit/Cost Analysis
BCR	Benefit/Cost Ratio
BMP	Best Management Practices

C

CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CAB	Civil Aeronautics Board
CGAS	Coast Guard Air Station
COE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
CTAF	Common Traffic Advisory Frequency

D

DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DH	Decision Height
DME	Distance Measuring Equipment
DME/P	Precision Distance Measuring Equipment
DNL	Day – Night Equivalent Sound Level (Also called Ldn)
DOT	Department of Transportation

E

EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ELT	Emergency Locator Transmitter
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EMAS	Engineered Material Arresting System

F

FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAC	Facility
FAR	Federal Aviation Regulation
FBO	Fixed Base Operator
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FED	Federal
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FIRE	Fire Station
FL	Flight Level
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FSS	Flight Service Station
FSSA	Flight Service Station Automated Service

G

GA	General Aviation
GAA	General Aviation Activity
GADO	General Aviation District Office
GARD	General Audio Recording Device
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS	Global Positioning Satellite

GS Glide Slope Indicator
H

HAT Height Above Touchdown
HAZMAT Hazardous Materials
HDQ FAA Headquarters
HELI Heliport
HWAS Hazardous In – Flight Weather Advisory

I

IAP Instrument Approach Procedures
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization
IFR Instrument Flight Rules
ILS Instrument Landing System
IMC Instrument Meteorological Conditions
INM Integrated Noise Model

J

K

Kbps Kilobits Per Second
Khz Kilohertz
KVDT Keyboard Video Display Terminal

L

LAA Local Airport Advisory
LF Low Frequency
LOC Localizer
LOI Letter of Intent
LPV Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance

M

MaineDOT Maine Department of Transportation
MALS Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System
MALSF MALS with Sequenced Flashers
MALSR MALS with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights
MAP Military Airport Program
MAP Missed Approach Point
MISC Miscellaneous
MLS Microwave Landing System

MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOA	Military Operations Area
MOCA	Minimum Obstruction Clearance Altitude
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MPS	Maintenance Processor Subsystem
	Master Plan Supplement
MSL	Mean Sea Level
MVFR	Marginal Visual Flight Rules

N

NAS	National Airspace System
	Naval Air Station
NASP	National Airspace System Plan
NAVAID	Navigation Aid
NDB	Non-Directional Radio Homing Beacon
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NEXRAD	Next Generation Weather Radar
NFAX	National Facsimile Service
NFDC	National Flight Data Center
NM	Nautical Mile
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOC	Notice of Completion
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen
NPIAS	National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
NTP	National Transportation Policy
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NWS	National Weather Service

O

OAG	Official Airline Guide
OFA	Object Free Area
OFZ	Obstacle Free Zone
OMB	Office of Management and Budget

P

PAPI	Precision Approach Path Indicator
PAR	Precision Approach Radar
PFC	Passenger Facility Charge
PHONE	Telephone
POLIC	Police Station
PUB	Publication
PVD	Plan View Display

Q

R

RAIL	Runway Alignment Indicator Lights
RAPCO	Radar Approach Control (USAF)
RAPCON	Radar Approach Control (FAA)
REIL	Runway End Identification Lights
RL	General Aviation Reliever Airport
RNAV	Area Navigation
ROD	Record of Decision
RPZ	Runway Protection Zone
RVR	Runway Visual Range
RW	Runway

S

SATCOM	Satellite Communications
SEL	Single Event Level
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SID	Station Identifier
SID	Standard Instrument Departure
SIGMET	Significant Meteorological Information
SIMMOD	Airport and Airspace Simulation Model
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SM	Statute Miles
SSALF	SSALS with Sequenced Flashers
SSALR	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System
STD	Standard
STOL	Short Takeoff and Landing
SVFR	Special Visual Flight Rules

T

TACAN	Tactical Aircraft Control and Navigation
TAF	Terminal Area Forecast
TAS	True Air Speed
TCA	Terminal Control Area
TERPS	Terminal Instrument Procedures
TH	Threshold
TL	Taxilane
TODA	Takeoff Distance Available
TORA	Take-off Run Available
TRACON	Terminal Radar Approach Control Facility
TRNG	Training
TSA	Taxiway Safety Area

TW Taxiway
TWR Tower (non-controlled)

U

UAS Unmanned Aircraft Systems
UHF Ultra High Frequency
URA Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970
USAF United States Air Force

V

VASI Visual Approach Slope Indicator
VDME VOR with Distance Measuring Equipment
VFR Visual Flight Rules
VHF Very High Frequency
VLF Very Low Frequency
VMC Visual Meteorological Conditions
VNAV Visual Navigational Aids
VNTSC Volpe National Transportation System Center
VOR VHF Omnidirectional Range
VOR/DME VHF Omnidirectional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment
VORTAC VOR collocated with TACAN
VRS Voice Recording System
VTOL Vertical Takeoff and Landing

W

WAAS Wide Area Augmentation System
WAN Wide Area Network
WTHR "Weather"
WX Weather

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