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Glossary of Airport Acronyms Used in FAA Documents

Airports

The following acronyms appear in FAA airport standards and related publications.

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A/C -- Aircraft

A/G -- Air to Ground

A/H -- Altitude/Height

AAC -- Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center

AAF -- Army Air Field

AAI -- Arrival Aircraft Interval

AAP -- Advanced Automation Program

AAR -- Airport Acceptance Rate

ABDIS -- Automated Data Interchange System Service B

AC -- Advisory Circular

ACAIS -- Air Carrier Activity Information System

ACAS -- Aircraft Collision Avoidance System

ACC -- Airports Consultants Council

ACC -- Area Control Center

ACCT -- Accounting Records

ACD -- Automatic Call Distributor

ACDO -- Air Carrier District Office

ACF -- Area Control Facility

ACFO -- Aircraft Certification Field Office

ACFT -- Aircraft

ACI-NA -- Airports Council International - North America

ACID -- Aircraft Identification

ACIP -- Airport Capital Improvement Plan

ACLS -- Automatic Carrier Landing System

ACLT -- Actual Landing Time Calculated

ACO -- Office of Airports Compliance and Field Operations

ACO -- Aircraft Certification Office

ACRP -- Airport Cooperative Research Program

ADA -- Air Defense Area

ADAP -- Airport Development Aid Program

ADAS -- AWOS Data Acquisition System

ADCCP -- Advanced Data Communications Control Procedure

ADDA -- Administrative Data

ADF -- Automatic Direction Finding

ADG -- Airplane Design Group

ADI -- Automatic De-Ice and Inhibitor

ADIN -- AUTODIN Service

ADIZ -- Air Defense Identification Zone

ADL -- Aeronautical Data-Link

ADLY -- Arrival Delay

ADO -- Airline Dispatch Office

ADP -- Automated Data Processing

ADS -- Automatic Dependent Surveillance

ADS-B -- Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast

ADSIM -- Airfield Delay Simulation Model

ADSY -- Administrative Equipment Systems

ADTN -- Administrative Data Transmission Network

ADTN2000 -- Administrative Data Transmission Network 2000

ADVO -- Administrative Voice

AEG -- Aircraft Evaluation Group

AERA -- Automated En-Route Air Traffic Control

AEX -- Automated Execution

AF -- Airway Facilities

AFB -- Air Force Base

AFIS -- Automated Flight Inspection System

AFP -- Area Flight Plan

AFRES -- Air Force Reserve Station

AFS -- Airways Facilities Sector

AFSFO -- AFS Field Office

AFSFU -- AFS Field Unit

AFSOU -- AFS Field Office Unit (Standard is AFSFOU)

AFSS -- Automated Flight Service Station

AFTN -- Automated Fixed Telecommunications Network

AGIS -- Airports Geographic Information System

AGL -- Above Ground Level

AID -- Airport Information Desk

AIG -- Airbus Industries Group

AIM -- Airman's Information Manual

AIP -- Airport Improvement Plan

AIRMET -- Airmen's Meteorological Information

AIRNET -- Airport Network Simulation Model

AIS -- Aeronautical Information Service

AIT -- Automated Information Transfer

ALP -- Airport Layout Plan

ALS -- Approach Lighting System

ALSF1 -- ALS with Sequenced Flashers I

ALSF2 -- ALS with Sequenced Flashers II

ALSIP -- Approach Lighting System Improvement Plan

ALTRV -- Altitude Reservation

AMASS -- Airport Movement Area Safety System

AMCC -- ACF/ARTCC Maintenance Control Center

AMOS -- Automated Meteorological Observation Station

AMP -- ARINC Message Processor (OR) Airport Master Plan

AMVER -- Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System

ANC -- Alternate Network Connectivity

ANCA -- Airport Noise and Capacity Act

ANG -- Air National Guard

ANGB -- Air National Guard Base

ANMS -- Automated Network Monitoring System

ANSI -- American National Standards Group

AOA -- Air Operations Area

AP -- Acquisition Plan

APP -- Approach

APS -- Airport Planning Standard

AQAFO -- Aeronautical Quality Assurance Field Office

ARAC -- Army Radar Approach Control (AAF)

ARAC -- Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee

ARC -- Airport Reference Code

ARCTR -- FAA Aeronautical Center or Academy

ARF -- Airport Reservation Function

ARFF -- Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting

ARINC -- Aeronautical Radio, Inc.

ARLNO -- Airline Office

ARO -- Airport Reservation Office

ARP -- Airport Reference Point

ARP -- Aerospace Recommended Practice

ARRA -- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

ARSA -- Airport Service Radar Area

ARSR -- Air Route Surveillance Radar

ARTCC -- Air Route Traffic Control Center

ARTS -- Automated Radar Terminal System

ASAS -- Aviation Safety Analysis System

ASC -- AUTODIN Switching Center

ASCP -- Aviation System Capacity Plan

ASD -- Aircraft Situation Display

ASDA -- Accelerate -- Stop Distance Available

ASLAR -- Aircraft Surge Launch And Recovery

ASM -- Available Seat Mile

ASP -- Arrival Sequencing Program

ASOS -- Automatic Surface Observation System

ASQP -- Airline Service Quality Performance

ASR -- Airport Surveillance Radar

ASTA -- Airport Surface Traffic Automation

ASV -- Annual Service Volume

ASV -- Airline Schedule Vendor

AT -- Air Traffic

ATA -- Air Transport Association of America

ATAS -- Airspace and Traffic Advisory Service

ATCAA -- Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace

ATC -- Air Traffic Control

ATCBI -- Air Traffic Control Beacon Indicator

ATCCC -- Air Traffic Control Command Center

ATCO -- Air Taxi Commercial Operator

ATCRB -- Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon

ATCRBS -- Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon System

ATCSCC -- Air Traffic Control Systems Command Center

ATCT -- Airport Traffic Control Tower

ATIS -- Automated Terminal Information Service

ATISR -- ATIS Recorder

ATM -- Air Traffic Management

ATM -- Asynchronous Transfer Mode

ATMS -- Advanced Traffic Management System

ATN -- Aeronautical Telecommunications Network

ATODN -- AUTODIN Terminal (FUS)

ATOVN -- AUOTVON (Facility)

ATOMS -- Air Traffic Operations Management System

ATS -- Air Traffic Service

ATSCCP -- ATS Contingency Command Post

AUTODIN -- DoD Automatic Digital Network

AUTOVON -- DoD Automatic Voice Network

AVON -- AUTOVON Service

AVN -- Aviation Standards National Field Office, Oklahoma City

AWIS -- Airport Weather Information

AWOS -- Automated Weather Observation System

AWP -- Aviation Weather Processor

AWPG -- Aviation Weather Products Generator

AWS -- Air Weather Station

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BANS -- BRITE Alphanumeric System

BART -- Billing Analysis Reporting Tool (GSA software tool)

BASIC -- Basic Contract Observing Station

BASOP -- Military Base Operations

BCA -- Benefit/Cost Analysis

BCR -- Benefit/Cost Ratio

BDAT -- Digitized Beacon Data

BMP -- Best Management Practices

BOC -- Bell Operating Company

bps -- bits per second

BRI -- Basic Rate Interface

BRITE -- Bright Radar Indicator Terminal Equipment

BRL -- Building Restriction Line

BUEC -- Back-- up Emergency Communications

BUECE -- Back-- up Emergency Communications Equipment

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CAA -- Civil Aviation Authority

CAA -- Clean Air Act

CAB -- Civil Aeronautics Board

CAC -- Citizen's Advisory Committee

CAD -- Computer Aided Design

CARF -- Central Altitude Reservation Facility

CASFO -- Civil Aviation Security Office

CAT -- Category

CAT -- Clear -- Air Turbulence

CAU -- Crypto Ancillary Unit

CBI -- Computer Based Instruction

CCC -- Communications Command Center

CCCC -- Staff Communications

CCCH -- Central Computer Complex Host

CC&O -- Customer Cost and Obligation

CCSD -- Command Communications Service Designator

CCS7-- NI -- Communication Channel Signal-7 -- Network Interconnect

CCU -- Central Control Unit

CD -- Common Digitizer

CDR -- Cost Detail Report

CDT -- Controlled Departure Time

CDTI -- Cockpit Display of Traffic Information

CENTX -- Central Telephone Exchange

CEP -- Capacity Enhancement Program

CEQ -- Council on Environmental Quality

CERAP -- Center Radar Approach Control

CERAP -- Central Radar Approach

CERAP -- Combined Center/Radar Approach Control

CFC -- Central Flow Control

CFCF -- Central Flow Control Facility

CFCS -- Central Flow Control Service

CFR -- Code of Federal Regulations

CFWP -- Central Flow Weather Processor

CFWU -- Central Flow Weather Unit

CGAS -- Coast Guard Air Station

CIP -- Capital Improvement Plan

CLC -- Course Line Computer

CLIN -- Contract Line Item

CLT -- Calculated Landing Time

CM -- Commercial Service Airport

CNMPS -- Canadian Minimum Navigation Performance Specification Airspace

CNS -- Consolidated NOTAM System

CNSP -- Consolidated NOTAM System Processor

CO -- Central Office

COE -- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

COMCO -- Command Communications Outlet

CONUS -- Continental United States

CORP -- Private Corporation other than ARINC or MITRE

CPE -- Customer Premise Equipment

CPMIS -- Consolidated Personnel Management Information System

CRA -- Conflict Resolution Advisory

CRDA -- Converging Runway Display Aid

CRT -- Cathode Ray Tube

CSA -- Communications Service Authorization

CSIS -- Centralized Storm Information System

CSO -- Customer Service Office

CSR -- Communications Service Request

CSS -- Central Site System

C/S/S/N -- Capacity/Safety/Security/Noise

CTA -- Controlled Time of Arrival

CTA -- Control Area

CTA/FIR -- Control Area/Flight Information Region

CTAF -- Common Traffic Advisory Frequency

CTAS -- Center -- Tracon Automation System

CTMA -- Center Traffic Management Advisor

CUPS -- Consolidated Uniform Payroll System

CVFR -- Controlled Visual Flight Rules

CVTS -- Compressed Video Transmission Service

CWA -- Clean Water Act

CW -- Continuous Wave

CWSU -- Central Weather Service Unit

CWY -- Clearway

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- DA -- Direct Access
- DA -- Decision Altitude/Decision Height
- DA -- Descent Advisor
- DABBS -- DITCO Automated Bulletin Board System
- DAIR -- Direct Altitude and Identity Readout
- DAR -- Designated Agency Representative
- DARC -- Direct Access Radar Channel
- dBA -- Decibels A-weighted
- DBCRC -- Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
- DBE -- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
- DBMS -- Data Base Management System
- DBRITE -- Digital Bright Radar Indicator Tower Equipment
- DCA -- Defense Communications Agency
- DCAA -- Dual Call, Automatic Answer Device
- DCCU -- Data Communications Control Unit
- DCE -- Data Communications Equipment
- DDA -- Dedicated Digital Access
- DDD -- Direct Distance Dialing
- DDM -- Difference in Depth of Modulation
- DDS -- Digital Data Service
- DEA -- Drug Enforcement Agency
- DEDS -- Data Entry and Display System
- DEIS -- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- DEP -- Departure

DEWIZ -- Distance Early Warning Identification Zone

DF -- Direction Finder

DFAX -- Digital Facsimile

DFI -- Direction Finding Indicator

DGPS -- Differential Global Positioning Satellite (System)

DH -- Decision Height

DID -- Direct Inward Dial

DIP -- Drop and Insert Point

DIRF -- Direction Finding

DITCO -- Defense Information Technology Contracting Office Agency

DME -- Distance Measuring Equipment

DME/P -- Precision Distance Measuring Equipment

DMN -- Data Multiplexing Network

DNL -- Day-- Night Equivalent Sound Level (Also called Ldn)

DOD -- Direct Outward Dial

DoD -- Department of Defense

DOI -- Department of Interior

DOS -- Department of State

DOT -- Department of Transportation

DOTS -- Dynamic Ocean Tracking System

DOTCC -- Department of Transportation Computer Center

DSCS -- Digital Satellite Compression Service

DSUA -- Dynamic Special Use Airspace

DTS -- Dedicated Transmission Service

DUAT -- Direct User Access Terminal

DVFR -- Defense Visual Flight Rules

DVFR -- Day Visual Flight Rules

DVOR -- Doppler Very High Frequency Omni-- Directional Range

DYSIM -- Dynamic Simulator

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E-MSAW -- En-Route Automated Minimum Safe Altitude Warning

EA -- Environmental Assessment

EARTS -- En Route Automated Radar Tracking System

ECOM -- En Route Communications

ECVFP -- Expanded Charted Visual Flight Procedures

EDCT -- Expedite Departure Path

EFAS -- En Route Flight Advisory Service

EFC -- Expect Further Clearance

EFIS -- Electronic Flight Information Systems

EIAF -- Expanded Inward Access Features

EIS -- Environmental Impact Statement

ELT -- Emergency Locator Transmitter

ELWRT -- Electrowriter

EMAS -- Engineered Materials Arresting System

EMPS -- En Route Maintenance Processor System

EMS -- Environmental Management System

ENAV -- En Route Navigational Aids

EPA -- Environmental Protection Agency

EPS -- Engineered Performance Standards

EOF -- Emergency Operating Facility

EPSS -- Enhanced Packet Switched Service

ERAD -- En Route Broadband Radar
ESEC -- En Route Broadband Secondary Radar
ESP -- En Route Spacing Program
ESYS -- En Route Equipment Systems
ESF -- Extended Superframe Format
ETA -- Estimated Time of Arrival
ETE -- Estimated Time En Route
ETG -- Enhanced Target Generator
ETMS -- Enhanced Traffic Management System
ETN -- Electronic Telecommunications Network
EVAS -- Enhanced Vortex Advisory System
EVCS -- Emergency Voice Communications System

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FAA -- Federal Aviation Administration
F&E -- Facilities and Equipment
FAAAC -- FAA Aeronautical Center
FAACIS -- FAA Communications Information System
FAATC -- FAA Technical Center
FAATSAT -- FAA Telecommunications Satellite
FAC -- Facility
FAF -- Final Approach Fix
FAP -- Final Approach Point
FAPM -- FTS2000 Associate Program Manager
FAR -- Federal Aviation Regulation
FAST -- Final Approach Spacing Tool

FATO -- Final Approach and Take Off

FAX -- Facsimile Equipment

FBO -- Fixed Base Operator

FBS -- Fall Back Switch

FCC -- Federal Communications Commission

FCLT -- Freeze Calculated Landing Time

FCOM -- FSS Radio Voice Communications

FCPU -- Facility Central Processing Unit

FDAT -- Flight Data Entry and Printout (FDEP) and Flight Data Service

FDE -- Flight Data Entry

FDEP -- Flight Data Entry and Printout

FDIO -- Flight Data Input/Output

FDIOC -- Flight Data Input/Output Center

FDIOR -- Flight Data Input/Output Remote

FDM -- Frequency Division Multiplexing

FDP -- Flight Data Processing

FED -- Federal

FEIS -- Final Environmental Impact Statement

FEP -- Front End Processor

FFAC -- From Facility

FIFO -- Flight Inspection Field Office

FIG -- Flight Inspection Group

FINO -- Flight Inspection National Field Office

FIPS -- Federal Information Publication Standard

FIR -- Flight Information Region

FIRE -- Fire Station

FIRMR -- Federal Information Resource Management Regulation

FL -- Flight Level

FLOWSIM -- Traffic Flow Planning Simulation

FMA -- Final Monitor Aid

FMF -- Facility Master File

FMIS -- FTS2000 Management Information System

FMS -- Flight management System

FNMS -- FTS2000 Network Management System

FOIA -- Freedom Of Information Act

FONSI -- Finding of No Significant Impact

FP -- Flight Plan

FRC -- Request Full Route Clearance

FSAS -- Flight Service Automation System

FSDO -- Flight Standards District Office

FSDPS -- Flight Service Data Processing System

FSEP -- Facility/Service/Equipment Profile

FSP -- Flight Strip Printer

FSPD -- Freeze Speed Parameter

FSS -- Flight Service Station

FSSA -- Flight Service Station Automated Service

FSTS -- Federal Secure Telephone Service

FSYS -- Flight Service Station Equipment Systems

FTS -- Federal Telecommunications System

FTS2000 -- Federal Telecommunications System 2000

FUS -- Functional Units or Systems

FWCS -- Flight Watch Control Station

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GA -- General Aviation

GAA -- General Aviation Activity

GAAA -- General Aviation Activity and Avionics

GADO -- General Aviation District Office

GCA -- Ground Control Approach

GIS -- Geographic Information System

GNAS -- General National Airspace System

GNSS -- Global Navigation Satellite System

GOES -- Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite

GOESF -- GOES Feed Point

GOEST -- GOES Terminal Equipment

GPRA -- Government Performance Results Act

GPS -- Global Positioning System

GPWS -- Ground Proximity Warning System

GRADE -- Graphical Airspace Design Environment

GS -- Glide Slope Indicator

GSA -- General Services Administration

GSE -- Ground Support Equipment

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H -- Non-- Directional Radio Homing Beacon (NDB)

HAA -- Height Above Airport

HAL -- Height Above Landing

HARS -- High Altitude Route System

HAT -- Height Above Touchdown

HAZMAT -- Hazardous Material

HCAP -- High Capacity Carriers

HLDC -- High Level Data Link Control

HDME -- NDB with Distance Measuring Equipment

HDQ -- FAA Headquarters

HELI -- Heliport

HF -- High Frequency

HH -- NDB, 2kw or More

HI-- EFAS -- High Altitude EFAS

HOV -- High Occupancy Vehicle

HPZ -- Heliport Protection Zone

HSI -- Horizontal Situation Indicators

HUD -- Housing and Urban Development

HWAS -- Hazardous In-- Flight Weather Advisory

Hz -- HERTZ

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IA -- Indirect Access

IAF -- Initial Approach Fix

I/AFSS -- International AFSS

IAP -- Instrument Approach Procedures

IAPA -- Instrument Approach Procedures Automation

IBM -- International Business Machines

IBP -- International Boundary Point

IBR -- Intermediate Bit Rate

ICAO -- International Civil Aviation Organization

ICSS -- International Communications Switching Systems

IDAT -- Interfacility Data

IF -- Intermediate Fix

IFCP -- Interfacility Communications Processor

IFDS -- Interfacility Data System

IFEA -- In-- Flight Emergency Assistance

IFO -- International Field Office

IFR -- Instrument Flight Rules

IFSS -- International Flight Service Station

ILS -- Instrument Landing System

IM -- Inner Marker

IMC -- Instrument Meteorological Conditions

INM -- Integrated Noise Model

INS -- Inertial Navigation System

IRMP -- Information Resources Management Plan

ISDN -- Integrated Services Digital Network

ISMLS -- Interim Standard Microwave Landing System

ITI -- Interactive Terminal Interface

IVRS -- Interim Voice Response System

IW -- Inside Wiring

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Kbps -- Kilobits Per Second

Khz -- Kilohertz

KVDT -- Keyboard Video Display Terminal

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LAA -- Local Airport Advisory

LAAS -- Low Altitude Alert System

LABS -- Leased A B Service

LABSC -- LABS GS-- 200 Computer

LABSR -- LABS Remote Equipment

LABSW -- LABS Switch System

LAHSO -- Land and Hold Short Operation

LAN -- Local Area Network

LATA -- Local Access and Transport Area

LAWRS -- Limited Aviation Weather Reporting System

LBA -- Load-Bearing Area

LCF -- Local Control Facility

LCN -- Local Communications Network

LDA -- Localizer Directional Aid

LDA -- Landing Directional Aid

LDIN -- Lead-- in Lights

LEC -- Local Exchange Carrier

LF -- Low Frequency

LINCS -- Leased Interfacility NAS Communications System

LIS -- Logistics and Inventory System

LLWAS -- Low Level Wind Shear Alert System

LM/MS -- Low/Medium Frequency

LMM -- Locator Middle Marker

LMS -- LORAN Monitor Site

LOC -- Localizer

LOCID -- Location Identifier

LOI -- Letter of Intent

LOM -- Compass Locator at Outer Marker

LORAN -- Long Range Aid to Navigation

LPV -- Lateral Precision Performance with Vertical Guidance

LRCO -- Limited Remote Communications Outlet

LRNAV -- Long Range Navigation

LRR -- Long Range Radar

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MAA -- Maximum Authorized Altitude

MALS -- Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System

MALSF -- MALS with Sequenced Flashers

MALSR -- MALS with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights

MAP -- Maintenance Automation Program

MAP -- Military Airport Program

MAP -- Missed Approach Point

MAP -- Modified Access Pricing

Mbps -- Megabits Per Second

MCA -- Minimum Crossing Altitude

MCAS -- Marine Corps Air Station

MCC -- Maintenance Control Center

MCL -- Middle Compass Locater

MCS -- Maintenance and Control System

MDA -- Minimum Descent Altitude

MDT -- Maintenance Data Terminal

MEA -- Minimum En Route Altitude

METI -- Meteorological Information

MF -- Middle Frequency

MFJ -- Modified Final Judgment

MFT -- Meter Fix Crossing Time/Slot Time

MHA -- Minimum Holding Altitude

Mhg -- MegHERTZ

MIA -- Minimum IFR Altitudes

MIDO -- Manufacturing Inspection District Office

MIS -- Meteorological Impact Statement

MISC -- Miscellaneous

MISO -- Manufacturing Inspection Satellite Office

MIT -- Miles In Trail

MITRE -- Mitre Corporation

MLS -- Microwave Landing System

MM -- Middle Marker

MMC -- Maintenance Monitoring Console

MMS -- Maintenance Monitoring System

MNPS -- Minimum Navigation Performance Specification

MNPSA -- Minimum Navigation Performance Specifications Airspace

MOA -- Memorandum of Agreement

MOA -- Military Operations Area

MOCA -- Minimum Obstruction Clearance Altitude

MODE C -- Altitude-- Encoded Beacon Reply

MODE C -- Altitude Reporting Mode of Secondary Radar

MODE S -- Mode Select Beacon System

MOU -- Memorandum of Understanding

MPO -- Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPS -- Maintenance Processor Subsystem (OR) Master Plan Supplement

MRA -- Minimum Reception Altitude

MRC -- Monthly Recurring Charge

MSA -- Minimum Safe Altitude

MSAW -- Minimum Safe Altitude Warning

MSL -- Mean Sea Level

MSN -- Message Switching Network

MTCS -- Modular Terminal Communications System

MTI -- Moving Target Indicator

MUX -- Multiplexor

MVA -- Minimum Vectoring Altitude

MVFR -- Marginal Visual Flight Rules

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NAAQS -- National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NADA -- NADIN Concentrator

NADIN -- National Airspace Data Interchange Network

NADSW -- NADIN Switches

NAILS -- National Airspace Integrated Logistics Support

NAMS -- NADIN IA

NAPRS -- National Airspace Performance Reporting System

NAS -- National Airspace System or Naval Air Station

NASDC -- National Aviation Safety Data

NASP -- National Airspace System Plan

NASPAC -- National Airspace System Performance Analysis Capability

NATCO -- National Communications Switching Center

NAVAID -- Navigation Aid

NAVMN -- Navigation Monitor and Control

NAWAU -- National Aviation Weather Advisory Unit

NAWPF -- National Aviation Weather Processing Facility

NCAR -- National Center for Atmospheric Research; Boulder, CO

NCF -- National Control Facility

NCIU -- NEXRAD Communications Interface Unit

NCP -- Noise Compatibility Program

NCS -- National Communications System

NDB -- Non-- Directional Radio Homing Beacon

NDNB -- NADIN II

NEM -- Noise Exposure Map

NEPA -- National Environmental Policy Act

NEXRAD -- Next Generation Weather Radar

NFAX -- National Facsimile Service

NFDC -- National Flight Data Center

NFIS -- NAS Facilities Information System

NI -- Network Interface

NICS -- National Interfacility Communications System

NM -- Nautical Mile

NMAC -- Near Mid Air Collision

NMC -- National Meteorological Center

NMCE -- Network Monitoring and Control Equipment

NMCS -- Network Monitoring and Control System

NOAA -- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOC -- Notice Of Completion

NOTAM -- Notice to Airmen

NPDES -- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

NPE -- Non-primary Airport Entitlement

NPIAS -- National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems

NPRM -- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

NRC -- Non-- Recurring Charge

NRCS -- National Radio Communications Systems

NSAP -- National Service Assurance Plan

NSRCATN -- National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network

NSSFC -- National Severe Storms Forecast Center

NSSL -- National Severe Storms Laboratory; Norman, OK

NTAP -- Notices To Airmen Publication

NTP -- National Transportation Policy

NTSB -- National Transportation Safety Board

NTZ -- No Transgression Zone

NWS -- National Weather Service

NWSR -- NWS Weather Excluding NXRD

NSWRH -- NWS Regional Headquarters

NXRD -- Advanced Weather Radar System

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OAG -- Official Airline Guide

OALT -- Operational Acceptable Level of Traffic

OAW -- Off-- airway Weather Station

ODAL -- Omnidirectional Approach Lighting System

ODAPS -- Oceanic Display and Processing Station

OEP -- Operational Evolution Plan / Partnership

OFA -- Object Free Area

OFDPS -- Offshore Flight Data Processing System

OFT -- Outer Fix Time

OFZ -- Obstacle Free Zone

OM -- Outer Marker

OMB -- Office of Management and Budget

ONER -- Oceanic Navigational Error Report

OPLT -- Operational Acceptable Level of Traffic

OPSW -- Operational Switch

OPX -- Off Premises Exchange

ORD -- Operational Readiness Demonstration

OTR -- Oceanic Transition Route

OTS -- Organized Track System

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PABX -- Private Automated Branch Exchange

PAD -- Packet Assembler/Disassembler

PAL -- Planning Activity Level

PAM -- Peripheral Adapter Module

PAPI -- Precision Approach Path Indicator

PAR -- Precision Approach Radar

PAR -- Preferential Arrival Route

PATWAS -- Pilots Automatic Telephone Weather Answering Service

PBB -- Passenger Boarding Bridge

PBCT -- Proposed Boundary Crossing Time

PBRF -- Pilot Briefing

PBX -- Private Branch Exchange

PCA -- Positive Control Airspace

PCC -- Portland Cement Concrete PCM -- Pulse Code Modulation

PDAR -- Preferential Arrival And Departure Route

PDC -- Pre-- Departure Clearance

PDC -- Program Designator Code

PDR -- Preferential Departure Route

PDN -- Public Data Network

PFC -- Passenger Facility Charge

PGP -- Planning Grant Program

PIC -- Principal Interexchange Carrier

PIDP -- Programmable Indicator Data Processor

PIREP -- Pilot Weather Report

PMS -- Program Management System

POLIC -- Police Station

POP -- Point Of Presence

POT -- Point Of Termination

PPIMS -- Personal Property Information Management System

PR -- Primary Commercial Service Airport

PRI -- Primary Rate Interface

PRM -- Precision Runway Monitor

PSDN -- Public Switched Data Network

PSN -- Packet Switched Network

PSS -- Packet Switched Service

PSTN -- Public Switched Telephone Network

PTC -- Presumed-to-Conform

PUB -- Publication

PUP -- Principal User Processor

PVC -- Permanent Virtual Circuit

PVD -- Plan View Display

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QA -- Quality Assurance

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RAIL -- Runway Alignment Indicator Lights

RAPCO -- Radar Approach Control (USAF)

RAPCON -- Radar Approach Control (FAA)

RATCC -- Radar Air Traffic Control Center

RATCF -- Radar Air Traffic Control Facility (USN)

RBC -- Rotating Beam Ceilometer

RBDPE -- Radar Beacon Data Processing Equipment

RBSS -- Radar Bomb Scoring Squadron

RCAG -- Remote Communications Air/Ground

RCC -- Rescue Coordination Center

RCF -- Remote Communication Facility

RCCC -- Regional Communications Control Centers

RCIU -- Remote Control Interface Unit

RCL -- Radio Communications Link

RCLR -- RCL Repeater

RCLT -- RCL Terminal

RCO -- Remote Communications Outlet

RCU -- Remote Control Unit

RDAT -- Digitized Radar Data

RDP -- Radar Data Processing

RDSIM -- Runway Delay Simulation Model

REIL -- Runway End Identification Lights

RF -- Radio Frequency

RL -- General Aviation Reliever Airport

RMCC -- Remote Monitor Control Center

RMCF -- Remote Monitor Control Facility

RML -- Radio Microwave Link

RMLR -- RML Repeater

RMLT -- RML Terminal

RMM -- Remote Maintenance Monitoring

RMMS -- Remote Maintenance Monitoring System

RMS -- Remote Monitoring Subsystem

RMSC -- Remote Monitoring Subsystem Concentrator

RNAV -- Area Navigation

RNP -- Required Navigation Performance

ROD -- Record of Decision

ROSA -- Report of Service Activity

ROT -- Runway Occupancy Time

RP -- Restoration Priority

RPC -- Restoration Priority Code

RPG -- Radar Processing Group

RPZ -- Runway Protection Zone

RRH -- Remote Reading Hygrothermometer

RRHS -- Remote Reading Hydrometer

RRWDS -- Remote Radar Weather Display

RRWSS -- RWDS Sensor Site

RSA -- Runway Safety Area

RSAT -- Runway Safety Action Team

RSS -- Remote Speaking System

RT -- Remote Transmitter

RT & BTL -- Radar Tracking And Beacon Tracking Level

RTAD -- Remote Tower Alphanumerics Display

RTCA -- Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics

RTP -- Regional Transportation Plan

RTTR -- Remote Transmitter/Receiver

RTRD -- Remote Tower Radar Display

RVR -- Runway Visual Range

RW -- Runway

RWDS -- Same as RRWDS

RWP -- Real-time Weather Processor

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S/S -- Sector Suite

SAC -- Strategic Air Command

SAFI -- Semi Automatic Flight Inspection

SALS -- Short Approach Lighting System

SATCOM -- Satellite Communications

SAWRS -- Supplementary Aviation Weather Reporting System

SBGP -- State Block Grant Program

SCC -- System Command Center

SCVTS -- Switched Compressed Video Telecommunications Service

SDF -- Simplified Direction Finding

SDF -- Software Defined Network

SDIS -- Switched Digital Integrated Service

SDP -- Service Delivery Point

SDS -- Switched Data Service

SEL -- Single Event Level

SELF -- Simplified Short Approach Lighting System With Sequenced Flashing Lights

SFAR-- 38 -- Special Federal Aviation Regulation 38

SHPO -- State Historic Preservation Officer

SIC -- Service Initiation Charge

SID -- Station Identifier

SID -- Standard Instrument Departure

SIGMET -- Significant Meteorological Information

SIMMOD -- Airport and Airspace Simulation Model

SIP -- State Implementation Plan

SM -- Statute Miles

SMGC -- Surface Movement Guidance and Control

SMPS -- Sector Maintenance Processor Subsystem

SMS -- Safety Management System

SMS -- Simulation Modeling System

SNR -- Signal-- to-- Noise Ratio, also: S/N

SOC -- Service Oversight Center

SOAR -- System of Airports Reporting

SOIR -- Simultaneous Operations On Intersecting Runways

SOIWR -- Simultaneous Operations on Intersecting Wet Runways

SRAP -- Sensor Receiver and Processor

SRM -- Safety Risk Management

SSALF -- SSALS with Sequenced Flashers

SSALR -- Simplified Short Approach Lighting System

SSB -- Single Side Band

STAR -- Standard Terminal Arrival Route

STD -- Standard

STMUX -- Statistical Data Multiplexer

STOL -- Short Takeoff and Landing

SURPIC -- Surface Picture

SVCA -- Service A

SVCB -- Service B

SVCC -- Service C

SVCO -- Service O

SVFO -- Interphone Service F (A)

SVFB -- Interphone Service F (B)

SVFC -- Interphone Service F (C)

SVFD -- Interphone Service F (D)

SVFR -- Special Visual Flight Rules

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T1MUX -- T1 Multiplexer

TAAS -- Terminal Advance Automation System

TAC -- Technical Advisory Committee

TACAN -- Tactical Aircraft Control and Navigation

TACR -- TACAN at VOR, TACAN only

TAF -- Terminal Area Forecast

TARS -- Terminal Automated Radar Service

TAS -- True Air Speed

TATCA -- Terminal Air Traffic Control Automation

TAVT -- Terminal Airspace Visualization Tool

TCA -- Traffic Control Airport or Tower Control Airport

TCA -- Terminal Control Area

TCACCIS -- Transportation Coordinator Automated Command and Control Information System

TCAS -- Traffic Alert And Collision Avoidance System

TCC -- DOT Transportation Computer Center

TCCC -- Tower Control Computer Complex

TCE -- Tone Control Equipment

TCLT -- Tentative Calculated Landing Time

TCO -- Telecommunications Certification Officer

TCOM -- Terminal Communications

TCS -- Tower Communications System

TDPC -- Touchdown/Positioning Circle

TDLS -- Tower Data-Link Services

TDMUX -- Time Division Data Multiplexer

TDWR -- Terminal Doppler Weather Radar

TELCO -- Telephone Company

TELMS -- Telecommunications Management System

TERPS -- Terminal Instrument Procedures

TFAC -- To Facility

TH -- Threshold

TIMS -- Telecommunications Information Management System

TIPS -- Terminal Information Processing System

TL -- Taxilane

TLOF -- Touchdown and Liftoff Area

TMA -- Traffic Management Advisor

TMC -- Traffic Management Coordinator

TMC/MC -- Traffic Management Coordinator/Military Coordinator

TMCC -- Terminal Information Processing System

TMCC -- Traffic Management Computer Complex

TMF -- Traffic Management Facility

TML -- Television Microwave Link

TMLI -- Television Microwave Link Indicator

TMLR -- Television Microwave Link Repeater

TMLT -- Television Microwave Link Terminal

TM&O -- Telecommunications Management and Operations

TMP -- Traffic Management Processor

TMS -- Traffic Management System

TMSPS -- Traffic Management Specialists

TMU -- Traffic Management Unit

TODA -- Takeoff Distance Available

TOF -- Time Of Flight

TOFMS -- Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer

TOPS -- Telecommunications Ordering and Pricing System (GSA software tool)

TORA -- Take-off Run Available

TNAV -- Terminal Navigational Aids

TR -- Telecommunications Request

TRACAB -- Terminal Radar Approach Control in Tower Cab

TRACON -- Terminal Radar Approach Control Facility

TRAD -- Terminal Radar Service

TRB -- Transportation Research Board

TRNG -- Training

TSA -- Taxiway Safety Area

TSEC -- Terminal Secondary Radar Service

TSP -- Telecommunications Service Priority

TSR -- Telecommunications Service Request

TSYS -- Terminal Equipment Systems

TTMA -- TRACON Traffic Management Advisor

TTY -- Teletype

TVOR -- Terminal VHF Omnidirectional Range

TW -- Taxiway

TWEB -- Transcribed Weather Broadcast

TWR-- Tower (non-controlled)

TY -- Type (FAACIS)

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UAS -- Uniform Accounting System

UHF -- Ultra High Frequency

URA -- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970

USAF -- United States Air Force

USC -- United States Code

USOC -- Uniform Service Order Code

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VALE -- Voluntary Airport Low Emission

VASI -- Visual Approach Slope Indicator

VDME -- VOR with Distance Measuring Equipment

VF -- Voice Frequency

VFR -- Visual Flight Rules

VGSI -- Visual Glideslope Indicator

VHF -- Very High Frequency

VLF -- Very Low Frequency

VMC -- Visual Meteorological Conditions

VNAV -- Visual Navigational Aids

VNTSC -- Volpe National Transportation System Center

VON -- Virtual On-net

VOR -- VHF Omnidirectional Range

VOR/DME -- VHF Omnidirectional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment

VORTAC -- VOR collocated with TACAN

VOT -- VOR Test Facility

VP/D -- Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation

VRS -- Voice Recording System

VSCS -- Voice Switching and Control System

VTA -- Vertex Time of Arrival

VTAC -- VOR collocated with TACAN

VTOL -- Vertical Takeoff and Landing

VTS -- Voice Telecommunications System

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WAAS -- Wide Area Augmentation System

WAN -- Wide Area Network

WC -- Work Center

WCP -- Weather Communications Processor

WECO -- Western Electric Company

WESCOM -- Western Electric Satellite Communications

WHA -- Wildlife Hazard Assessment

WHMP -- Wildlife Hazard Management Plan

WMSC -- Weather Message Switching Center

WMSCR -- Weather Message Switching Center Replacement

WSCMO -- Weather Service Contract Meteorological Observatory

WSFO -- Weather Service Forecast Office

WSMO -- Weather Service Meteorological Observatory

WSO -- Weather Service Office

WTHR -- "Weather"

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