

Appendix A: List of Commonly Used Aviation-Related Acronyms

A

AC	Advisory Circular
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADAP	Airport Development Aid Program
ADF	Automatic Direction Finder
ADG	Airplane Design Group
ADO	Airport District Office
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
AFD	Airport/Facility Directory
AFSS	Automated Flight Service Station
AGL	Above Ground Level
AIP	Airport Improvement Program
ALP	Airport Layout Plan
ALS	Approach Light System
AMSL	Above Mean Sea Level
AOA	Airport Operations Area
APL	Aircraft Parking Line Limit
ARC	Airport Reference Code
ARFF	Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Facilities
ARP	Airport Reference Point
ARPT	Airport
ARTCC	Air Route Traffic Control Center
ARTS	Automated Radar Terminal System
ASA	Atlantic Southeast Airways
ASL	Above Sea Level
ASM	Available Seat Miles
ASOS	Automated Surface Observation System
ASR	Airport Surveillance Radar
AST	Above Ground Storage Tank
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
ASV	Annual Service Volume
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATCT	Air Traffic Control Tower
ATIS	Automatic Terminal Information Service
ATM	Available Tonnage Mile
AVGAS	Aviation Gasoline
AWOS	Automated Weather Observing System

B

BRL	Building Restriction Line
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C

CAD	Computer Aided Design
CAT I-III	Category I, II, III ILS Approach
CIP	Capital Improvements Program
CRJ	Canadair Regional Jet
CTAF	Common Traffic Advisory Frequency

D

DA	Decision Altitude
DH	Decision Height
DME	Distance Measuring Equipment
DOT	Department of Transportation

E

EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERG	Effective Runway Gradient
ERJ	Embraer Regional Jet

F

FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAAP	Federal-Aid Airport Program
FAR	Federal Aviation Regulation
FBO	Fixed Base Operator
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FOD	Foreign Object Debris
FONSI	Finding Of No Significant Impact
FSS	Flight Service Station
FTZ	Foreign Trade Zone (a.k.a. Federal Trade Zone or Free Trade Zone)

G

GA	General Aviation
GADO	General Aviation District Office
GAMA	General Aviation Manufacturers Association

GAO	General Accounting Office	MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
GNV	Gainesville Regional Airport	MSL	Mean Sea Level
GPS	Global Positioning Satellites	MSSA	Metropolitan Statistical Service Area
GS	Glide Slope		
H		N	
HIRL	High Intensity Runway Lights	NAS	National Airspace System
HITL	High Intensity Taxiway Lights	NAVAIDS	Navigational Aids
HIWAS	Hazardous In-flight Weather Advisory Service	NCP	Noise Compatibility Program
		NDB	Non-Directional Beacon
		NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
		NOTAM	Notice to Airmen
I		NAS	National Airspace System
IAP	Instrument Approach Procedure	NPI	Non-precision Instrument
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization	NPIAS	National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules	NPL	National Priority List
ILS	Instrument Landing System		
IM	Inner Marker	O	
IMC	Instrument Meteorological Conditions	O&D	Origin and Destination
INM	Integrated Noise Model	OAG	Official Airline Guide
		ODALS	Omnidirectional Approach Light Systems
L		OFA	Object Free Area
LAAS	Local Area Augmentation System	OFZ	Object Free Zone
LAHSO	Land and Hold Short Operations	OM	Outer Marker
LLWAS	Low-Level Wind Shear Alert System		
LOA	Letter of Agreement	P	
LOC	Localizer	PA	Precision Approach
LPA	THE LPA GROUP INCORPORATED	PAPI	Precision Approach Path Indicator
		PAX	Passengers
		PFC	Passenger Facility Charge
M		PGP	Planning Grant Program
MALS	Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System	PIR	Precision Instrument Runway
MALSF	Medium Intensity Approach Light System	PMPP	Pavement Maintenance Management Program
MALSR	Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights	PVC	Poor Visibility and Ceiling
MB	Marker Beacon	R	
MDA	Minimum Descent Altitude	RAIL	Runway Alignment Indicator Light
MGW	Maximum Gross Weight	RCO	Remote Communications Outlet
MIRL	Medium Intensity Runway Lights	REIL	Runway End Identification Lights
MITL	Medium Intensity Taxiway Lights	RJ	Regional Jet
MPU	Master Plan Update	RNAV	Area Navigation
MOA	Military Operating Area	ROFA	Runway Object Free Area
		RPM	Revenue Passenger Mile

RPZ	Runway Protection Zone	VORDME	VHF Omni-Directional Radar Beacon With Distance Measuring Equipment
RSA	Runway Safety Area		
RTM	Revenue per Tonnage Mile	VORTAC	VHF Omni-directional Range With Tactical Aircraft Approach and Navigation
RVR	Runway Visual Range		
RVZ	Runway Visibility Zone		
RW	Runway		
S		W	
SEL	Sound Exposure Level	WAAS	Wide Area Augmentation System
SSALF	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System with sequenced Flashers		
SSALS	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System		
SSALSR	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights		
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Plan		
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TAC	Technical Advisory Committee		
TACAN	Tactical Air Navigation		
TAF	Terminal Area Forecasts		
TAP	Terminal Area Plan		
TDZ	Touchdown Zone		
TDZE	Touchdown Zone Elevation		
TERPS	Terminal Instrument Procedures		
TOFA	Taxiway Object Free Area		
TRACON	Terminal Radar Approach Control Facility		
TRSA	Terminal Radar Service Area		
TSA	Taxiway Safety Area		
TSA	Transportation Security Administration		
TW	Taxiway		
TWY	Taxiway		
U			
USGS	United States Geological Survey		
V			
VASI	Visual Approach Slope Indicator		
VFR	Visual Flight Rules		
VHF	Very High Frequency		
VMC	Visual Meteorological Conditions		
VOR	VHF Omni-Directional Radar Beacon		