

METAR/TAF Decode

-	light	FRQ	frequent	RA	rain
+	heavy	FT	feet	RTD	routine delayed observation
\$	maintenance check indicator	FU	smoke (French: <i>fumée</i>)	RV	reportable value
ACC	altocumulus castellanus	FZ	freezing	RVR	runway visual range
ACFT MSHP	aircraft mishap	FZRANO	freezing rain sensor not available	RVRNO	RVR system values not available
ACSL	altocumulus standing lenticular cloud	G	gust	RWY	runway
ALP	airport location point	GR	hail (French: <i>grêle</i>)	S	south
ALQDS	all quadrants	GS	snow pellets and/or small hail (French: <i>grésil</i>)	SA	sand
ALQS	all quadrants	HLSTO	hailstone	SCSL	stratocumulus standing lenticular cloud
AO1	automated station without precipitation discriminator	HZ	haze	SE	southeast
AO2	automated station with precipitation discriminator	IC	ice crystals	SFC	surface
APCH	approach	INCRG	increasing	SG	snow grains
APRNT	apparent	INTMT	intermittent	SH	showers
APRX	approximatel y	KT	knots	SLP	sea-level pressure
ATCT	airport traffic control tower	LAST	last observation before a break in coverage at a manual station	SLPNO	sea-level pressure not available

AUTO	fully automated report	LST	local standard time	SM	statute miles
B	began at time	LTG	lightning	SN	snow
BC	patches (French: bancs)	LWR	lower	SNINCR	snow increasing rapidly
BL	blowing	M	minus, less than	SOG	snow on the ground
BR	mist (French: Brume)	MAX	maximum	SPECI	an unscheduled special report following a significant change
CA	cloud-air lightning	METAR	routine weather report provided at fixed intervals	SQ	squall
CB	cumulonimbus cloud	MI	shallow (French: mince)	SS	sandstorm
CBMAM	Cumulonimbus mammatus cloud	MIN	minimum	STN	station
CC	cloud-cloud lightning	MOV	moved/ moving/ movement	SW	southwest
CCSL	cirrocumulus standing lenticular cloud	MT	mountains	TCU	towering cumulus
cd	candela	N	north	TS	thunderstorm
CG	cloud-ground lightning	N/A	not applicable	TSNO	thunderstorm information not available
CHI	cloud-height indicator	NE	northeast	TWR	tower
CHINO	sky condition at secondary location not available	NOSPECI	no SPECI reports are taken at the station	UNKN	unknown
CIG	ceiling	NW	northwest	UP	unknown precipitation

CONS	continuous	OCNL	occasional	UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
COR	correction to a previously disseminated observation	OHD	overhead	V	variable
DR	low drifting	OVR	over	VA	volcanic ash
DS	duststorm	P	greater than the highest reportable value	VC	in the vicinity
DSIPTG	dissipating	PCPN	precipitation	VIS	visibility
DSNT	distant	PK WND	peak wind	VISNO	visibility at secondary location not available
DU	widespread dust	PL	ice pellets	VR	visual range
DVR	dispatch visual range	PNO	precipitation amount not available	VRB	variable
DZ	drizzle	PO	dust (French: <i>poussière</i>) or Sand Whirls	W	west
E	east, ended at time, estimated ceiling	PR	partial	WND	wind
FC	funnel cloud	PRES	pressure	WS	wind shear
FG	fog	PRESFR	pressure falling rapidly	WSHFT	wind shift
FIRST	first observation after a break in coverage at manual station	PRESRR	pressure rising rapidly	Z	Zulu/UTC
FROIN	frost on the indicator	PWINO	precipitation identifier sensor not available		
FROPA	frontal passage	PY	spray		
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