

Sialkot International Airport (IATA: SKT, ICAO: OPST)[1] is situated 14 km (8.7 mi) west of Sialkot in the Sialkot District of Pakistan. It has the distinction of being the first privately owned public airport in Pakistan. It was built by the business community of Sialkot by their own efforts. Before the completion of the new green field Islamabad International Airport, it also had the longest runway in Pakistan.[2]

Approximately 1,000,000 travellers from Sialkot and adjacent areas are expected to benefit from this international airport each year.

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Structure[edit]

Sialkot is a major export hub of Pakistan. The airport is being upgraded to make it compatible to carry the load of ten Boeing 747s or A340s. The airport authority is currently working with a private company to develop the airport to meet international standards. The airport has developed a new runway so heavier aircraft can land. There is a new terminal currently being built to deal with an increase in passengers as well as cargo imports and exports.

The airport provides services of fuel farms, aircraft ground maintenance services, catering and other related services through concessions to private parties.

The runway is 3,600-metres long, and 45-metres wide with 7.5-metre wide shoulders on either side corresponding to International Civil Aviation Organisation Category 4E.

The link taxiway is 263-metres long, and 23-metres wide with 10.5-metre shoulders.

It has aprons for passenger and cargo, 95,000-sq metre area. It is a combination of flexible and rigid pavements and also for nose-in parking for 7 wide bodied aircraft plus 4 ATR-42 aircraft at a time.

Two boarding bridges recently[when?] became operational.

Airlines and destinations[edit]

Airlines Destinations

Air Arabia Sharjah

AirSial Karachi[3]

Emirates Dubai–International

flydubai Dubai–International

Gulf Air Bahrain

Pakistan International Airlines Dammam, Dubai–International, Islamabad, Jeddah, Karachi,

Kuwait, Muscat, Riyadh, Sharjah, Skardu,

Qatar Airways Doha

SalamAir Muscat

SaudiGulf Airlines Dammam

Cargo[edit]

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Airlines Destinations

Qatar Airways Cargo Doha

Transport links[edit]

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Road[edit]

Travellers by car from Sialkot reach the airport by travelling west on the Sialkot-Wazirabad Dual Carriageway, turning right at Sambrial to Airport Road and then go straight for 5 km to reach the airport. From Gujranwala, take Sialkot Road up to Daska and then go to Sambrial Road. After reaching Sambrial turn right and go straight on the Sialkot-Wazirabad Dual Carriageway. After crossing the Sialkot Dry Port turn left on the Airport road. People coming from Gujranwala can also reach the airport through Wazirabad by using the Sialkot-Wazirabad Dual Carriageway From Gujrat you take the GT road to Wazirabad turn left onto sialkot- wazirabad road and go all the way to the connection of Airport road on the left which leads to sialkot airport

Bus[edit]

The airport can be reached from Sialkot up to Sambrial by bus. After that, one has to take a taxi. There is an air-conditioned CNG bus service from the airport to Sialkot, Wazirabad, Daska, and Gujranwala.

Train[edit]

The nearest railway station is Sambrial, which is 5 km (3.1 mi) from the airport and is serviced by a taxi and auto-rickshaw link.

Extension of Apron[edit]

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In 2013, it was confirmed that the airport will be developed further; the apron will be extended to accommodate 12 aircraft and jet bridges, for which construction is already underway.

Extension of the apron enabled the airport to accommodate more aircraft. The project started on 2 October 2010 and was completed on 30 November 2011, incurring a total cost of PKR 180 million as quoted by the contractor of the project. The construction project was awarded to Habib Construction Services, which is one of the largest construction companies in Pakistan and has worked on several other mega projects previously.

[Extension Statistics](#)

[Location Sialkot](#)

[Construction Cost PKR 180 Million](#)

[Client SIAL](#)

[Consultant Nespak](#)

[Contractor Habib Construction Services Limited](#)

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