

## NOTAM CONTRACTIONS

This list contains most of the commonly used contractions currently in use in Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS) and the standard aviation weather products, such as METAR/TAF, area forecasts, SIGMETs, AIRMETs, etc.

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
<b>A</b>	
ABN	Airport Beacon
ABV	Above
ACC	Area Control Center (ARTCC)
ACCUM	Accumulate
ACFT	Aircraft
ACR	Air Carrier
ACT	Active
ADJ	Adjacent
ADZD	Advised
AFD	Airport Facility Directory
AGL	Above ground level
ALS	Approach Light System
ALT	Altitude
ALTM	Altimeter
ALTN	Alternate
ALTNLY	Alternately
ALSTG	Altimeter Setting
AMDT	Amendment
AMGR	Airport Manager
AMOS	Automatic Meteorological Observing System
AP	Airport
APCH	Approach
AP LGT	Airport Lights
APP	Approach control
ARFF	Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting
ARR	Arrive, arrival
ASOS	Automated Surface Observing System
ASPH	Asphalt
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATCSCC	Air Traffic Control System Command Center
ATIS	Automatic Terminal Information Service
AUTH	Authority
AUTOB	Automatic Weather Reporting System
AVBL	Available
AWOS	Automatic Weather Observing/Reporting System
AWY	Airway
AZM	Azimuth
<b>B</b>	
BA FAIR	Braking action fair
BA NIL	Braking action nil
BA POOR	Braking action poor
BC	Back Course
BCN	Beacon
BERM	Snowbank(s) Containing Earth/Gravel
BLW	Below
BND	Bound

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
BRG	Bearing
BYD	Beyond
<b>C</b>	
CAAS	Class A Airspace
CAT	Category
CBAS	Class B Airspace
CBSA	Class B Surface Area
CCAS	Class C Airspace
CCLKWS	Counterclockwise
CCSA	Class C Surface Area
CD	Clearance Delivery
CDAS	Class D Airspace
CDSA	Class D Surface Area
CEAS	Class E Airspace
CESA	Class E Surface Area
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CGAS	Class G Airspace
CHG	Change
CIG	Ceiling
CK	Check
CL	Centerline
CLKWS	Clockwise
CLR	Clearance, clear(s), cleared to
CLSD	Closed
CMB	Climb
CMSND	Commissioned
CNL	Cancel
COM	Communications
CONC	Concrete
CPD	Coupled
CRS	Course
CTC	Contact
CTL	Control
<b>D</b>	
DALGT	Daylight
DCMSND	Decommissioned
DCT	Direct
DEGS	Degrees
DEP	Depart/Departure
DEPPROC	Departure procedures
DH	Decision Height
DISABLD	Disabled
DIST	Distance
DLA	Delay or delayed
DLT	Delete
DLY	Daily

<i><b>Contraction</b></i>	<i><b>Decode</b></i>
DME	Distance Measuring Equipment
DMSTN	Demonstration
DP	Dew Point Temperature
DRFT	Snowbank(s) Caused By Wind Action
DSPLCD	Displaced
<b>E</b>	
E	East
EB	Eastbound
EFAS	En Route Flight Advisory Service
ELEV	Elevation
ENG	Engine
ENRT	En route
ENTR	Entire
EXC	Except
<b>F</b>	
FAC	Facility or facilities
FAF	Final Approach fix
FAN MKR	Fan Marker
FDC	Flight Data Center
FI/T	Flight inspection temporary
FI/P	Flight inspection permanent
FM	From
FREQ	Frequency
FNA	Final approach
FPM	Feet per minute
FREQ	Frequency
FRH	Fly Runway Heading
FRI	Friday
FRZN	Frozen
FSS	Automated/Flight Service Station
FT	Foot, feet
<b>G</b>	
GC	Ground Control
GCA	Ground Control Approach
GOVT	Government
GP	Glide Path
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRVL	Gravel
<b>H</b>	
HAA	Height Above Airport
HAT	Height Above Touchdown
HDG	Heading
HEL	Helicopter
HELI	Heliport
HIRL	High Intensity Runway Lights
HIWAS	Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory Service
HLDG	Holding
HOL	Holiday
HP	Holding Pattern

<i><b>Contraction</b></i>	<i><b>Decode</b></i>
HR	Hour
<b>I</b>	
IAF	Initial approach fix
IAP	Instrument Approach Procedure
INBD	Inbound
ID	Identification
IDENT	Identify/Identifier/Identification
IF	Intermediate fix
ILS	Instrument Landing System
IM	Inner Marker
IMC	Instrument Meteorological Conditions
IN	Inch/Inches
INDEFLY	Indefinitely
INFO	Information
INOP	Inoperative
INSTR	Instrument
INT	Intersection
INTL	International
INTST	Intensity
IR	Ice On Runway(s)
<b>K</b>	
KT	Knots
<b>L</b>	
L	Left
LAA	Local Airport Advisory
LAT	Latitude
LAWRS	Limited Aviation Weather Reporting Station
LB	Pound/Pounds
LC	Local Control
LOC	Local/Locally/Location
LCTD	Located
LDA	Localizer Type Directional Aid
LGT	Light or lighting
LGTD	Lighted
LIRL	Low Intensity Runway Lights
LLWAS	Low Level Wind Shear Alert System
LM	Compass Locator at ILS Middle Marker
LDG	Landing
LLZ	Localizer
LO	Compass Locator at ILS Outer Marker
LONG	Longitude
LRN	Loran
LSR	Loose Snow on Runway(s)
LT	Left Turn
<b>M</b>	
MAG	Magnetic
MAINT	Maintain, maintenance
MALS	Medium Intensity Approach Light System

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
MALSF	Medium Intensity Approach Light System with Sequenced Flashers
MALSR	Medium Intensity Approach Light System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights
MAPT	Missed Approach Point
MCA	Minimum Crossing Altitude
MDA	Minimum Descent Altitude
MEA	Minimum Enroute Altitude
MED	Medium
MIN	Minute
MIRL	Medium Intensity Runway Lights
MLS	Microwave Landing System
MM	Middle Marker
MNM	Minimum
MNT	Monitor/Monitoring/Monitored
MOC	Minimum Obstruction Clearance
MON	Monday
MRA	Minimum reception altitude
MSA	Minimum Safe Altitude/Minimum Sector Altitude
MSAW	Minimum Safe Altitude Warning
MSG	Message
MSL	Mean Sea Level
MU	MU meters
MUD	Mud
MUNI	Municipal
<b>N</b>	
N	North
NA	Not Authorized
NAV	Navigation
NB	Northbound
NDB	Nondirectional Radio Beacon
NE	Northeast
NGT	Night
NM	Nautical Mile(s)
NMR	Nautical Mile Radius
NONSTD	Nonstandard
NOPT	No Procedure Turn Required
NR	Number
NTAP	Notice To Airmen Publication
NW	Northwest
<b>O</b>	
OBSC	Obscured
OBST	Obstruction
OM	Outer Marker
OPR	Operate
OPS	Operation
ORIG	Original
OTS	Out of Service
OVR	Over

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
<b>P</b>	
PAEW	Personnel and Equipment Working
PAPI	Precision Approach Path Indicator
PAR	Precision Approach Radar
PARL	Parallel
PAT	Pattern
PAX	Passenger
PCL	Pilot Controlled Lighting
PERM	Permanent/Permanently
PJE	Parachute jumping exercise
PLA	Practice Low Approach
PLW	Plow/Plowed
PN	Prior Notice Required
PPR	Prior Permission Required
PREV	Previous
PRN	Pseudo random noise
PROC	Procedure
PROP	Propeller
PSR	Packed Snow on Runway(s)
PTCHY	Patchy
PTN	Procedure Turn
PVT	Private
<b>R</b>	
RAIL	Runway Alignment Indicator Lights
RAMOS	Remote Automatic Meteorological Observing System
RCAG	Remote Communication Air/Ground Facility
RCL	Runway Centerline
RCLL	Runway Centerline Light System
RCO	Remote Communication Outlet
REC	Receive/Receiver
RELCTD	Relocated
REIL	Runway End Identifier Lights
REP	Report
RLLS	Runway Lead-in Lights System
RMNDR	Remainder
RNAV	Area Navigation
RPLC	Replace
RQRD	Required
RRL	Runway Remaining Lights
RSR	En Route Surveillance Radar
RSVN	Reservation
RT	Right Turn
RTE	Route
RTR	Remote Transmitter/Receiver
RTS	Return to Service
RUF	Rough
RVR	Runway Visual Range
RVRM	Runway Visual Range Midpoint
RVRR	Runway Visual Range Rollout
RVRT	Runway Visual Range Touchdown

## Contractions

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
RWY	Runway
<b>S</b>	
S	South
SA	Sand, sanded
SAT	Saturday
SAWR	Supplementary Aviation Weather Reporting Station
SB	Southbound
SDF	Simplified Directional Facility
SE	Southeast
SFL	Sequence Flashing Lights
SID	Standard Instrument Departure
SIMUL	Simultaneous
SIR	Packed or Compacted Snow and Ice on Runway(s)
SKED	Scheduled
SLR	Slush on Runway(s)
SN	Snow
SNBNK	Snowbank(s) Caused by Plowing
SNGL	Single
SPD	Speed
SSALF	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System with Sequenced Flashers
SSALR	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights
SSALS	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System
SSR	Secondary Surveillance Radar
STA	Straight-in Approach
STAR	Standard Terminal Arrival
SUN	Sunday
SVC	Service
SW	Southwest
SWEPT	Swept or Broom/Broomed
<b>T</b>	
T	Temperature
TAA	Terminal Arrival Area
TACAN	Tactical Air Navigational Aid
TAR	Terminal area surveillance radar
TDZ	Touchdown Zone
TDZ LG	Touchdown zone lights
TEMPO	Temporary
TFC	Traffic
TFR	Temporary Flight Restriction
TGL	Touch and Go Landings
THN	Thin
THR	Threshold
THRU	Through
THU	Thursday

## Notices to Airmen

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
TIL	Until
TKOF	Takeoff
TM	Traffic Management
TMPA	Traffic Management Program Alert
TRML	Terminal
TRNG	Training
TRSN	Transition
TSNT	Transient
TUE	Tuesday
TWR	Tower
TWY	Taxiway
<b>U</b>	
UFN	Until further notice
UNAVBL	Unavailable
UNLGTD	Unlighted
UNMKD	Unmarked
UNMNT	Unmonitored
UNREL	Unreliable
UNUSBL	Unusable
<b>V</b>	
VASI	Visual Approach Slope Indicator
VDP	Visual Descent Point
VGSI	Visual Glide Slope Indicator
VIA	By Way Of
VICE	Instead/Versus
VIS	Visibility
VMC	Visual Meteorological Conditions
VOL	Volume
VOR	VHF Omni-Directional Radio Range
VORTAC	VOR and TACAN (colocated)
<b>W</b>	
W	West
WB	Westbound
WED	Wednesday
WEF	With effect from or effective from
WI	Within
WIE	With immediate effect or effective immediately
WKDAYS	Monday through Friday
WKEND	Saturday and Sunday
WND	Wind
WPT	Waypoint
WSR	Wet Snow on Runway(s)
WTR	Water on Runway(s)
WX	Weather

## WEATHER CONTRACTIONS

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
<b>A</b>	
A	Absolute (temperature)
A	Alaskan Standard Time (time groups only)
A	Arctic (air mass)
A01	Automated Observation without Precipitation Discriminator (rain/snow) (METAR)
A02	Automated Observation with Precipitation Discriminator (rain/snow) (METAR)
AAWF	Auxiliary Aviation Weather Facility
AC	Altostratus
ACC	Altostratus Castellanus
ACSL	Standing Lenticular Altostratus
ACYC	Anticyclonic
ADRNDCK	Adirondack
ADV	Advise
ADVCTN	Advection
ADVV	Advisory
AFC	Area Forecast Center
AFDK	After Dark
ALF	Aloft
ALGHNY	Allegheny
ALQDS	All Quadrants
ALSEC	All Sectors
ALTA	Alberta
ALUTN	Aleutian
ALWF	Actual Wind Factor
AM	Ante Meridiem
AMD	Amended Forecast (TAF)
AMPLTD	Amplitude
AMS	Air Mass
AMS	American Meteorological Society
ANLYS	Analysis
APLCN	Appalachian
AS	Altostratus
ASOS	Automated Surface Observing System
ATLC	Atlantic
AURBO	Aurora Borealis
AWP	Aviation Weather Processors
<b>B</b>	
B	Beginning of Precipitation (time in minutes) (weather reports only)
B	Bering Standard Time (time groups only)
BACLIN	Baroclinic or Baroclinic Prognosis
BATROP	Barotropic or Barotropic Prognosis
BC	Patches (METAR)
BC	British Columbia
BCFG	Patchy Fog (METAR)
BCH	Beach
BCKG	Backing
BDA	Bermuda

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
BECMG	Becoming (expected between 2 digit beginning hour and 2 digit ending hour) (TAF)
BFDK	Before Dark
BINOVC	Breaks in Overcast
BKN	Broken
BL	Between Layers
BL	Blowing (METAR)
BLD	Build
BLDUP	Buildup
BLKHLS	Black Hills
BLKT	Blanket
BLZD	Blizzard
BMS	Basic Meteorological Services
BNDRY	Boundary
BOVC	Base of Overcast
BR	Mist (METAR)
BRF	Brief
BRKHIC	Breaks in Higher Overcast
BRKSHR	Berkshire
BRM	Barometer
BTWN	Between
<b>C</b>	
C	Central Standard Time (time groups only)
C	Continental (air mass)
CAN	Canada
CARIB	Caribbean
CASCDs	Cascades
CAVOK	Cloud and Visibility OK (METAR)
CAVU	Clear or Scattered Clouds and Visibility Greater Than Ten Miles
CAWS	Common Aviation Weather Sub-system
CB	Cumulonimbus
CBMAM	Cumulonimbus Mamma
CC	Cirrocumulus
CCLKWS	Counterclockwise
CCSL	Standing Lenticular Cirrocumulus
CDFNT	Cold Front
CFP	Cold Front Passage
CHARC	Characteristic
CHSPK	Chesapeake
CI	Cirrus
CIG	Ceiling
CLD	Cloud
CLR	Clear at or below 12,000 feet (AWOS/ASOS report) (METAR)
CLRS	Clear and Smooth
CNCL	Cancel
CNDN	Canadian
CNVTV	Convective
CONFDC	Confidence

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
CONTDVD	Continental Divide
CONTRAILS	Condensation Trails
COR	Correction to the observation (METAR)
CS	Cirrostratus
CST	Coast
CTGY	Category
CTSKLS	Catskills
CU	Cumulus
CUFRA	Cumulus Fractus
CYC	Cyclonic
CYCLGN	Cyclogenesis
<b>D</b>	
DABRK	Daybreak
DCAVU	Clear or Scattered Clouds and Visibility Greater than Ten, Remainder of Report Missing (weather reports only)
DKTS	Dakotas
DMSH	Diminish
DNS	Dense
DNSLP	Downslope
DNSTRM	Downstream
DP	Deep
DPNG	Deepening
DPTH	Depth
DR	Low Drifting (METAR)
DRFT	Drift
DS	Dust Storm (METAR)
DSIPT	Dissipate
DTLN	International Dateline
DTRT	Deteriorate
DU	Widespread Dust (METAR)
DVV	Downward Vertical Velocity
DWNDFTS	Downdrafts
DWPNT	Dew Point
DZ	Drizzle (METAR)
<b>E</b>	
E	Eastern Standard Time (time groups only)
E	Ending of Precipitation (time in minutes) (weather reports only)
E	Equatorial (air mass)
E	Estimated (weather reports only)
ELNGT	Elongate
EMBDD	Embedded
EMSU	Environment Meteorological Support Unit
ENERN	East–northeastern (weather reports only)
ENEWD	East–northeastward (weather reports only)
EOF	Expected Operations Forecast
ESERN	East–southeastern (weather reports only)
ESEWD	East–southeastward (weather reports only)
EXTRAP	Extrapolate

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
EXTRM	Extreme
<b>F</b>	
FA	Area Forecast
FAH	Fahrenheit
FEW	1 or 2 octas (eighths) cloud coverage (METAR)
FC	Funnel Cloud (METAR)
+FC	Tornado/ Water Spout (METAR)
FG	Fog (METAR)
FIBI	Filed but Impractical to Transmit
FILG	Filling
FINO	Weather Report Will Not Be Filed for Transmission
FL	Flash Advisory
FLDST	Flood Stage
FLG	Falling
FLRY	Flurry
FLWIS	Flood Warning Issued
FM	From (4 digit beginning time in hours and minutes) (TAF)
FNT	Front
FNTGNS	Frontogenesis
FNTLYS	Frontolysis
FORNN	Forenoon
FRMG	Forming
FRPA	Frontal Passage
FROSFC	Frontal Surface
FRST	Frost
FRWF	Forecast Wind Factor
FRZ	Freeze
FRZLVL	Freezing Level
FRZN	Frozen
FT	Terminal Forecast
FU	Smoke (METAR)
FULYR	Smoke Layer Aloft
FUOCTY	Smoke Over City
FWC	Fleet Weather Central
FZ	Supercooled/freezing (METAR)
<b>G</b>	
G	Gusts Reaching (knots) (weather reports only)
GLFALSK	Gulf of Alaska
GLFCAL	Gulf of California
GLFMEX	Gulf of Mexico
GLFSTLAWR	Gulf of St. Lawrence
GR	Hail (METAR)
GRAD	Gradient
GRBNKS	Grand Banks
GRDL	Gradual
GRTLKS	Great Lakes
GS	Small Hail/Snow Pellets (METAR)
GSTS	Gusts
GSTY	Gusty
<b>H</b>	
HCVIS	High Clouds Visible

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
HDFRZ	Hard Freeze
HDSVLY	Hudson Valley
HI	Hi
HIEAT	Highest Temperature Equaled for All Time
HIEFM	Highest Temperature Equaled for The Month
HIESE	Highest Temperature Equaled So Early
HIESL	Highest Temperature Equaled So Late
HIFOR	High Level Forecast
HITMP	Highest Temperature
HIXAT	Highest Temperature Exceeded for All Time
HIXFM	Highest Temperature Exceeded for The Month
HIXSE	Highest Temperature Exceeded So Early
HIXSL	Highest Temperature Exceeded So Late
HLSTO	Hailstones
HLTP	Hilltop
HLYR	Haze Layer Aloft
HURCN	Hurricane
HUREP	Hurricane Report
HX	High Index
HZ	Haze (METAR)
<b>I</b>	
IC	Ice Crystals (METAR)
ICG	Icing
ICGIC	Icing in Clouds
ICGICIP	Icing in Clouds and Precipitation
ICGIP	Icing in Precipitation
IMDT	Immediate
INLD	Inland
INSTBY	Instability
INTR	Interior
INTRMTRGN	Inter-Mountain Region
INTS	Intense
INTSFY	Intensify
INVRN	Inversion
IOVC	In Overcast
IR	Ice on Runway
<b>J</b>	
JTSTR	Jet Stream
<b>K</b>	
K	Cold (air mass)
KFRST	Killing Frost
<b>L</b>	
LABRDR	Labrador
LCTMP	Little Change in Temperature
LDG	Landing
LFT	Lift
LGRNG	Long Range
LIFR	Low IFR (weather reports only)
LK	Lake

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
LOEAT	Lowest Temperature Equaled for All Time
LOEFM	Lowest Temperature Equaled for The Month
LOESE	Lowest Temperature Equaled So Early
LOESL	Lowest Temperature Equaled So Late
LOTMP	Lowest Temperature
LOXAT	Lowest Temperature Exceeded for All Time
LOXFM	Lowest Temperature Exceeded for The Month
LOXSE	Lowest Temperature Exceeded So Early
LOXSL	Lowest Temperature Exceeded So Late
LSR	Loose Snow on Runway
LTGCC	Lightning Cloud-to-Cloud
LTGCCCG	Lightning Cloud-to-Cloud, Cloud-to-Ground
LTGCG	Lightning Cloud-to-Ground
LTGCW	Lightning Cloud-to-Water
LTGIC	Lightning in Clouds
LTLCG	Little Change
LTNG	Lightning
LX	Low Index
LYR	Layer or Layered or Layers
<b>M</b>	
M	Maritime (air mass)
M	In temperature field means "minus" or below zero (METAR)
M	In RVR Field, indicates visibility less than lowest reportable sensor value (e.g. M0600FT)
M	Missing (weather reports only)
M	Mountain Standard Time (time groups only)
MA	Map Analysis
MAN	Manitoba
MEGG	Merging
MEX	Mexico
MHKVLY	Mohawk Valley
MI	Shallow (METAR)
MIDN	Midnight
MIFG	Patches of Shallow Fog Not Deeper Than Two Meters (METAR)
MLTLVL	Melting Level
MMO	Main Meteorological Office
MNLD	Mainland
MOGR	Moderate or Greater
MONTR	Monitor
MOV	Move
MRGL	Marginal
MRNG	Morning
MRTM	Maritime
MS	Minus
MSTLY	Mostly
MSTR	Moisture
MTN	Mountain
MVFR	Marginal VFR
MXD	Mixed

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
<b>N</b>	
NB	New Brunswick
NCWX	No Change in Weather
NELY	Northeasterly (weather reports only)
NERN	Northeastern
NEW ENG	New England
NFLD	Newfoundland
NGT	Night
NL	No Layers
NMBR	Number
NNERN	North–northeastern (weather reports only)
NNEWD	North–northeastward (weather reports only)
NNWRN	North–northwestern (weather reports only)
NNWWD	Northwestward (weather reports only)
NO	Not available (e.g. SLPNO, RVRNO)
NORPI	No Pilot Balloon Observation Will Be Filed Next Collection Unless Weather Changes Significantly
NPRS	Nonpersistent
NS	Nimbostratus
NS	Nova Scotia
NSCSWD	No Small Craft or Storm Warning are Being Displayed
NSW	No Significant Weather (METAR)
NVA	Negative Vorticity Advection
NWLY	Northwesterly (weather reports only)
NWRN	Northwestern (weather reports only)
<b>O</b>	
OBS	Observation
OBSC	Obscure
OCFNT	Occluded Front
OCLD	Occlude
OCLN	Occlusion
OFP	Occluded Frontal Passage
OFSHR	Offshore
OMTNS	Over Mountains
ONSHR	On Shore
ONT	Ontario
ORGPNC	Orographic
OSV	Ocean Station Vessel
OTAS	On Top and Smooth
OTLK	Outlook
OVC	Overcast
<b>P</b>	
P	Pacific Standard Time (time group only)
P	Polar (air mass)
P	In RVR field, indicates visibility greater than highest reportable sensor value (e.g. P6000FT)
P6SM	Visibility greater than 6 statute miles (TAF only)
PAC	Pacific
PBL	Probable
PCPN	Precipitation
PDMT	Predominant

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
PDMT	Predominate
PDW	Priority Delayed Weather
PL	Ice Pellets (METAR)
PEN	Peninsula
PGTSND	Puget Sound
PIBAL	Pilot Balloon Observation
PISE	No Pilot Balloon Observation Due To Unfavorable Sea Conditions
PISO	No Pilot Balloon Observation Due To Snow
PIWI	No Pilot Balloon Observation Due To High, or Gusty, Surface Wind
PLW	Plow (snow)
PNHDL	Panhandle
PO	Dust/Sand Whirls (METAR)
PPINA	Radar Weather Report Not Available (or omitted for a reason different than those otherwise stated)
PPINE	Radar Weather Report No Echoes Observed
PPINO	Radar Weather Report Equipment Inoperative Due To Breakdown
PPIOK	Radar Weather Report Equipment Operation Resumed
PPIOM	Radar Weather Report Equipment Inoperative Due To Maintenance
PR	Partial (METAR)
PRBLTY	Probability
PRESFR	Pressure Falling Rapidly
PRESRR	Pressure Rising Rapidly
PRJMP	Pressure Jump (weather reports only)
PROB40	Probability 40 percent (METAR)
PROG	Prognosis or Prognostic
PRSNT	Present
PS	Plus
PSG	Passage
PSG	Passing
PTCHY	Patchy
PTLY	Partly
PVA	Positive Vorticity Advection
PY	Spray (METAR)
<b>Q</b>	
QSTNRY	Quasi-stationary
QUE	Quebec
<b>R</b>	
R	Runway (used in RVR measurement)
RA	Rain (METAR)
RABA	No RAWIN Obs., No Balloons Available
RABAL	Radiosonde Balloon Wind Data
RABAR	Radiosonde Balloon Release
RACO	No RAWIN Obs., Communications Out
RADAT	Radiosonde Observation Data
RADNO	Report Missing Account Radio Failure
RAFI	Radiosonde Observation Not Filed
RAFRZ	Radiosonde Observation Freezing Levels
RAHE	No RAWIN Obs., No Gas Available



<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
RAICG	Radiosonde Observation Icing at
RAOB	Radiosonde Observation
RAREP	Radar Weather Report
RAVU	Radiosonde Analysis and Verification Unit
RAWE	No RAWIN obs., Unfavorable Weather
RAWI	No RAWIN Obs., High and Gusty Winds
RAWIN	Upper Winds Obs. (by radio methods)
RCD	Radar Cloud Detection Report
RCDNA	Radar Cloud Detection Report Not Available
RCDNE	Radar Cloud Detection Report No Echoes Observed
RCDNO	Radar Cloud Detector Inoperative Due to Breakdown Until
RCDOM	Radar Cloud Detector Inoperative Due to Maintenance Until
RCKY	Rockies (mountains)
RDG	Ridge
RDWND	Radar Dome Wind
RESTR	Restrict
RGD	Ragged
RH	Relative Humidity
RHINO	Radar Echo Height Information Not Available
RHINO	Radar Range Height Indicator Not Operating on Scan
RIOGD	Rio Grande
RMK	Remark(s)
RNFL	Rainfall
ROBEPs	Radar Operating Below Prescribed Standard
RPD	Rapid
RSG	Rising
RUF	Rough
RY/RWY	Runway
<b>S</b>	
SA	Sand (METAR)
SASK	Saskatchewan
SBSD	Subside
SC	Stratocumulus
SCSL	Standing Lenticular Stratocumulus
SCT	Scattered
SELS	Severe Local Storms
SELY	Southeasterly (weather reports only)
SERN	Southeastern (weather reports only)
SFERICS	Atmospherics
SG	Snow Grains (METAR)
SGD	Solar–Geophysical Data
SH	Showers (METAR)
SHFT	Shift (weather reports only)
SHLW	Shallow
SHRTLY	Shortly
SHWR	Shower
SIERNEV	Sierra Nevada
SIR	Snow and Ice on Runway
SKC	Sky Clear (METAR)

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
SLD	Solid
SLP	Sea Level pressure (e.g. 1013.2 reported as 132)
SLR	Slush on Runway
SLT	Sleet
SM	Statute mile(s)
SMK	Smoke
SMTH	Smooth
SN	Snow (METAR)
SNBNK	Snowbank
SNFLK	Snowflake
SNOINCR	Snow Depth Increase in Past Hour
SNW	Snow
SNWFL	Snowfall
SP	Station Pressure
SPECI	Special Report (METAR)
SPKL	Sprinkle
SPLNS	South Plains
SPRD	Spread
SQ	Squall (METAR)
SQAL	Squall
SQLN	Squall Line
SS	Sandstorm (METAR)
SSERN	South-southeastern (weather reports only)
SSEWD	South-southeastward (weather reports only)
SSWRN	South-southwestern (weather reports only)
SSWWD	South–southwestward (weather reports only)
ST	Stratus
STAGN	Stagnation
STFR	Stratus Fractus
STFRM	Stratiform
STG	Strong
STM	Storm
STNRY	Stationary
SWLG	Swelling
SWLY	Southwesterly (weather reports only)
SWRN	Southwestern (weather reports only)
SX	Stability Index
SXN	Section
SYNOP	Synoptic
SYNS	Synopsis
<b>T</b>	
T	Trace (weather reports only)
T	Tropical (air mass)
TCU	Towering Cumulus
TEMPO	Temporary changes expected (between 2 digit beginning hour and 2 digit ending hour) (TAF)
THD	Thunderhead (non METAR)
THDR	Thunder (non METAR)
THK	Thick
THN	Thin
TKOF	Takeoff
TOP	Cloud Top
TOVC	Top of Overcast

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
TPG	Topping
TRIB	Tributary
TROF	Trough
TROP	Tropopause
TRPCD	Tropical Continental (air mass)
TRPCL	Tropical
TRPLYR	Trapping Layer
TS	Thunderstorm (METAR)
TSHWR	Thundershower (non METAR)
TSQLS	Thundersqualls (non METAR)
TSTM	Thunderstorm (non METAR)
TURBC	Turbulence
TURBT	Turbulent
TWRG	Towering
<b>U</b>	
UAG	Upper Atmosphere Geophysics
UDDF	Up and Down Drafts
UNSB	Unseasonable
UNSTBL	Unstable
UNSTDY	Unsteady
UNSTL	Unsettle
UP	Unknown Precipitation (Automated Observations)
UPDFTS	Updrafts
UPR	Upper
UPSLP	Upslope
UPSTRM	Upstream
UVV	Upward Vertical Velocity
UWNDS	Upper Winds
<b>V</b>	
V	Varies (wind direction and RVR)
V	Variable (weather reports only)
VA	Volcanic Ash (METAR)
VC	Vicinity
VLCTY	Velocity
VLNT	Violent
VLY	Valley
VR	Veer
VRB	Variable wind direction when speed is less than or equal to 6 knots
VRISL	Vancouver Island, BC
VRT MOTN	Vertical Motion
VSBY	Visibility
VSBYDR	Visibility Decreasing Rapidly

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Decode</i>
VSBYIR	Visibility Increasing Rapidly
VV	Vertical Visibility (Indefinite Ceiling) (METAR)
<b>W</b>	
W	Warm (air mass)
WA	AIRMET
WDC-1	World Data Centers in Western Europe
WDC-2	World Data Centers Throughout Rest of World
WDLY	Widely
WDSRPD	Widespread
WEA	Weather
WFP	Warm Front Passage
WINT	Winter
WND	Wind
WNWRN	West-northwestern (weather reports only)
WNWWD	West-northwestward (weather reports only)
WPLTO	Western Plateau
WR	Wet Runway
WRM	Warm
WRMFNT	Warm Front
WRNG	Warning
WS	Wind Shear (in TAFs, low level and not associated with convective activity)
WS	SIGMET
WSHFT	Wind Shift
WSOM	Weather Service Operations Manual
WSR	Wet Snow on Runway
WSWRN	West-southwestern (weather reports only)
WSWWD	West-southwestward (weather reports only)
WTR	Water
WTSPT	Waterspout
WV	Wave
WW	Severe Weather Forecast
WXCON	Weather Reconnaissance Flight Pilot Report
<b>X</b>	
XCP	Except
XPC	Expect
<b>Y</b>	
Y	Yukon Standard Time (time groups only)
YKN	Yukon
YLSTN	Yellowstone
<b>Z</b>	
ZI	Zonal Index
ZI	Zone of Interior