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Appendix 3. Abbreviations/Acronyms

As used in this manual, the following abbreviations/acronyms have the meanings indicated.

| Abbreviation/ Acronym | Meaning |
|--------------------------|--|
| AAWU | Alaskan Aviation Weather Unit |
| AAS | Airport Advisory Service |
| AAM | Advanced Air Mobility |
| AC | Advisory Circular |
| ACAR | Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting System |
| ADCUS | Advise Customs |
| ADDS | Aviation Digital Data Service |
| ADF | Automatic Direction Finder |
| ADIZ | Air Defense Identification Zone |
| ADS-B | Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast |
| AFB | Air Force Base |
| AFCS | Automatic Flight Control System |
| AFIS | Automatic Flight Information Service |
| AFM | Aircraft Flight Manual |
| AGL | Above Ground Level |
| AHRS | Attitude Heading Reference System |
| AIM | Aeronautical Information Manual |
| AIRMET | Airmen's Meteorological Information |
| AIS | Aeronautical Information Services |
| ALD | Available Landing Distance |
| ALDARS | Automated Lightning Detection and Reporting System |
| ALS | Approach Light Systems |
| AMSL | Above Mean Sea Level |
| ANP | Actual Navigation Performance |
| AOCC | Airline Operations Control Center |
| AP | Autopilot System |
| APV | Approach with Vertical Guidance |
| AR | Authorization Required |
| ARENA | Areas Noted for Attention |
| ARFF IC | Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Incident Commander |
| ARINC | Aeronautical Radio Incorporated |
| ARO | Airport Reservations Office |
| ARSA | Airport Radar Service Area |
| ARSR | Air Route Surveillance Radar |
| ARTCC | Air Route Traffic Control Center |
| ASDE-X | Airport Surface Detection Equipment – Model X |
| ASOS | Automated Surface Observing System |
| ASR | Airport Surveillance Radar |

| Abbreviation/ Acronym | Meaning |
|--------------------------|--|
| ASRS | Aviation Safety Reporting System |
| ASSC | Airport Surface Surveillance Capability |
| ATC | Air Traffic Control |
| ATCRBS | Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon System |
| ATCSCC | Air Traffic Control System Command Center |
| ATCT | Airport Traffic Control Tower |
| ATD | Along-Track Distance |
| ATIS | Automatic Terminal Information Service |
| ATO | Air Traffic Organization |
| ATT | Attitude Retention System |
| AWC | Aviation Weather Center |
| AWOS | Automated Weather Observing System |
| AWTT | Aviation Weather Technology Transfer |
| AWW | Severe Weather Forecast Alert |
| BAASS | Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies |
| BBS | Bulletin Board System |
| BC | Back Course |
| BECMG | Becoming group |
| BVLOS | Beyond Visual Line of Sight |
| C/A | Coarse Acquisition |
| CAT | Clear Air Turbulence |
| СВО | Community-Based Organization |
| CD | Controller Display |
| CDI | Course Deviation Indicator |
| CDR | Coded Departure Route |
| CERAP | Combined Center/RAPCON |
| CFA | Controlled Firing Area |
| CFIT | Controlled Flight into Terrain |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| COA | Certificate of Waiver or Authorization |
| CPDLC | Controller Pilot Data Link Communications |
| CTAF | Common Traffic Advisory Frequency |
| CVFP | Charted Visual Flight Procedure |
| CVRS | Computerized Voice Reservation System |
| CWA | Center Weather Advisory |
| CWSU | Center Weather Service Unit |
| DA | Decision Altitude |
| DCA | Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport |
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| DCP | Data Collection Package |

Abbreviations/Acronyms Appendix 3–1