

FIG 7-1-8

Key to Decode an ASOS/AWOS (METAR) Observation (Back)

REMARKS IDENTIFIER: RMK	RMK
TORNADIC ACTIVITY: Augmented; report should include TORNADO, FUNNEL CLOUD, or WATERSPOUT, time begin/end, location, movement; e.g., TORNADO B25 N MOV E.	
TYPE OF AUTOMATED STATION: AO2; automated station with precipitation discriminator.	AO2
PEAK WIND: PK WND dddff(f)/(hh)mm; direction in tens of degrees, speed in whole knots, and time.	PK WND 20032/25 WSHFT 1715
WIND SHIFT: WSHFT (hh)mm	
TOWER OR SURFACE VISIBILITY: TWR VIS vvvvv: visibility reported by tower personnel, e.g., TWR VIS 2; SFC VIS vvvvv: visibility reported by ASOS, e.g., SFC VIS 2.	
VARIABLE PREVAILING VISIBILITY: VIS v _n v _n v _n v _n v _n Vv _x Vx _x Vx _x V _x ; reported if prevailing visibility is <3 miles and variable.	VIS 3/4V1 1/2
VISIBILITY AT SECOND LOCATION: VIS vvvvv [LOC]; reported if different than the reported prevailing visibility in body of report.	VIS 3/4 RWY11
LIGHTNING: [FREQ] LTG [LOC]; when detected the frequency and location is reported, e.g., FRQ LTG NE.	
BEGINNING AND ENDING OF PRECIPITATION AND THUNDERSTORMS: w'w'B(hh)mmE(hh)mm	RAB07
VIRGA: Augmented; precipitation not reaching the ground, e.g., VIRGA.	
VARIABLE CEILING HEIGHT: CIG h _n h _n Vh _x h _x h _x ; reported if ceiling in body of report is <3000 feet and variable.	CIG 013V017
CEILING HEIGHT AT SECOND LOCATION: CIG hhh [LOC]; Ceiling height reported if secondary ceilometer site is different than the ceiling height in the body of the report.	CIG 017 RWY11
PRESSURE RISING OR FALLING RAPIDLY: PRESRR or PRESFR; pressure rising or falling rapidly at time of observation.	PRESFR
SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE: SLPppp; tens, units, and tenths of SLP in hPa.	SLPI25
HOURLY PRECIPITATION AMOUNT: Prrrr; in .01 inches since last METAR; a trace is P0000.	P0003
3- AND 6-HOUR PRECIPITATION AMOUNT: 6RRRR; precipitation amount in .01 inches for past 6 hours reported in 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC observations and for past 3 hours in 03, 09, 15, and 21 UTC observations; a trace is 60000.	60009
24-HOUR PRECIPITATION AMOUNT: 7R ₂₄ R ₂₄ R ₂₄ ; precipitation amount in .01 inches for past 24 hours reported in 12 UTC observation, e.g., 70015.	
HOURLY TEMPERATURE AND DEW POINT: T _s T _a T _a T _s T _a T _a T _s T _a ; tenth of degree Celsius; s _n : 1 if temperature below 0° C and 0 if temperature 0° C or higher.	T00640036
6-HOUR MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE: 1s _n T _x T _x T _x ; tenth of degree Celsius; 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC; s _n : 1 if temperature below 0° C and 0 if temperature 0° C or higher.	10066
6-HOUR MINIMUM TEMPERATURE: 2s _n T _n T _n T _n ; tenth of degree Celsius; 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC; s _n : 1 if temperature below 0° C and 0 if temperature 0° C or higher.	21012
24-HOUR MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE: 4s _n T _x T _x T _x T _n T _n T _n ; tenth of degree Celsius; reported at midnight local standard time; 1 if temperature below 0° C and 0 if temperature 0° C or higher, e.g., 400461006.	
PRESSURE TENDENCY: 5appp; the character (a) and change in pressure (ppp; tenths of hPa) the past 3 hours.	58033
SENSOR STATUS INDICATORS: RVRNO; RVR missing; PWINO; precipitation identifier information not available; PNO; precipitation amount not available; FZRANO; freezing rain information not available; TSNO; thunderstorm information not available; VISNO [LOC]; visibility at secondary location not available, e.g., VISNO RWY06; CHINO [LOC]; (cloud-height-indicator) sky condition at secondary location not available, e.g., CHINO RWY06.	TSNO
MAINTENANCE CHECK INDICATOR: Maintenance needed on the system.	\$
If an element or phenomena does not occur, is missing, or cannot be observed, the corresponding group and space are omitted (body and/or remarks) from that particular report, except for Sea-Level Pressure (SLPppp). SLPNO shall be reported in a METAR when the SLP is not available.	
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