# HELIPORTS

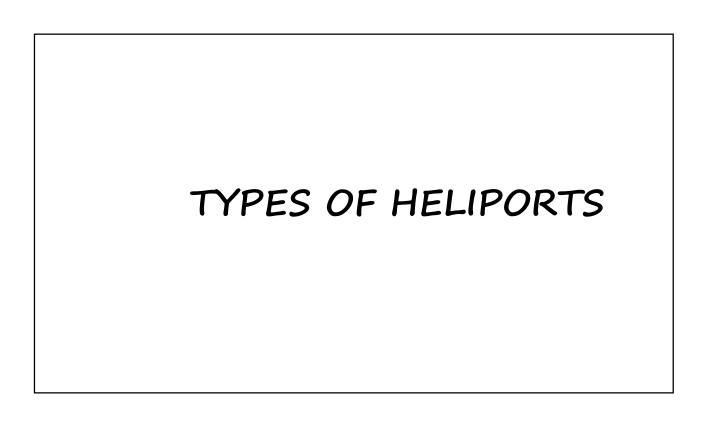
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### TYPES OF HELIPORTS

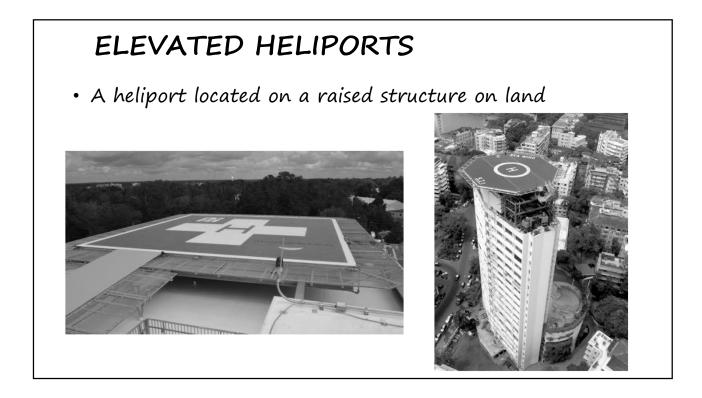
- Surface level heliports
- Elevated heliports
- Helidecks
- Shipboard heliports

### SURFACE LEVEL HELIPORTS

• A heliport located on the ground or on a structure on the surface of the water







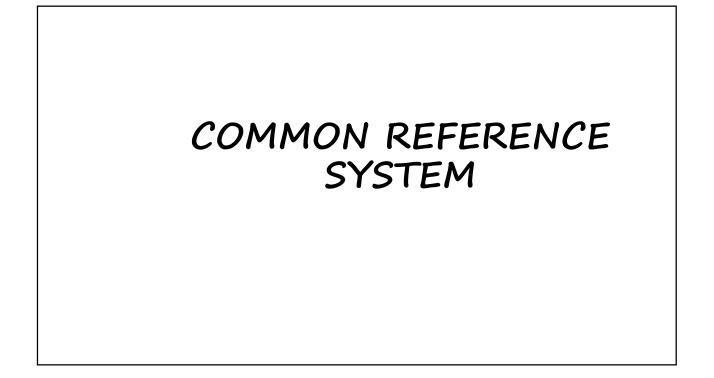
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### SHIPBOARD HELIPORTS

- A heliport located on a ship that may be purpose or non-purpose built. A purpose built shipboard heliport is one designed specifically for helicopter operations.
- A non purpose built heliport is one that utilizes an area of the ship that is capable of supporting a helicopter but not designed specifically for that task.



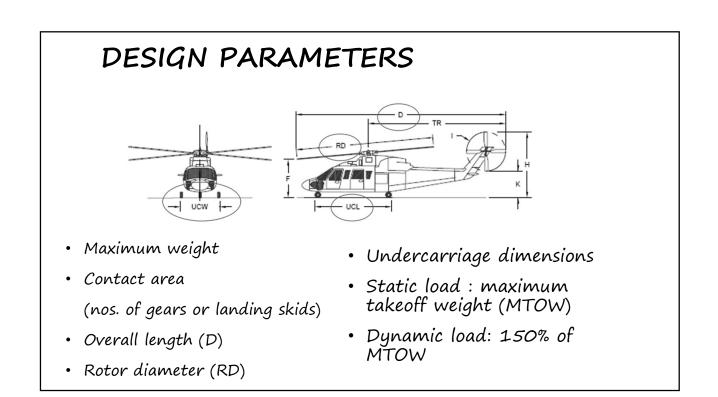




### COMMON REFERENCE SYSTEM

- Horizontal Reference System
  - World Geodetic System 1984 WGS-84
  - E.g 50°52'47" N and 4°42'01" E
- Vertical Reference System
  - Mean sea level (MSL) datum
- Temporal Reference System
  - Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
  - Gregorian calendar

# DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS



### HELICOPTER PERFORMANCE

- Performance Class 1
  - A helicopter with performance such that, in the case of a critical power unit failure, it is able to land on the rejected take off area or safely continue the flight to an appropriate landing area, depending upon when the failure occurs.
- Performance Class 2
  - A helicopter with performance such that in case of a critical power unit failure, it is able to safely continue the flight, except when the failure occurs prior to a defined point after takeoff or after a defined point before landing, in which case a forced landing may be required.
- Performance Class 3
  - A helicopter with performance such that in case of a power unit failure at any point in the flight profile, a forced landing must be performed.

### Design Strength

- Design static load = heli's maximum certificated take off weight applied though the total contact area of the wheels or skids
- Dynamic load = > 150 % of the maximum certificated take off weight transmitted through the main wheels or through the contact areas of a skid equipped heli.

### SITE SELECTION

- **Planning** future expansion, occasional military, disaster relief
- **Property requirements** Hospitals, wind indicator, clear approaches, approach lights, heli protection zone
- **Turbulence** Air flow, surrounding buildings, trees, terrain, roof tops and ground level
- Ground Level Buildings, trees, light posts, logistics, etc
- Electromagnetic effects presense of large metallic objects, ventilation shafts, magnetic resonance imaging, etc
- Heli Protection zone approach departure paths over parking lots, over or near power lines and trees, etc

# DEFINITIONS

### Final Approach and Take Off Area (FATO)

- A defined area over which the final phase of the approach maneuver to hover or landing is completed and from which the take off maneuver is commenced, Where the FATO is used by helicopters operated in performance class 1, the defined area includes the rejected take off area available.
- All final approaches shall terminate at the FATO and all take-offs to climb shall start at the FATO. A touchdown or lift off may or may not be made at the FATO

### Touchdown and Lift Off Area (TLOF)

- An area on which a helicopter may touch down or lift off.
- A TLOF may or may not be located within the FATO
- Support static and dynamic loads

### Safety Area

• A defined area on a heliport surrounding the FATO which is free of obstacles, other than those required for air navigation purposes, and intended to reduce the risk of damage to helicopters accidentally diverging from the FATO

### Protection Area

 An area within a taxi route and around a helicopter stand which provides separation from objects, the FATO, other taxi route and helicopter stands, for safe maneuvering of helicopters

### Helicopter Air Taxiway

• A defined path on the surface established for the air taxiing of helicopters.

### Helicopter Ground Taxiway

• A ground taxiway intended for the ground movement of wheeled undercarriage helicopters.

### Helicopter Stand

• An aircraft stand which provides for parking a helicopter and where ground taxi operations are completed or where the helicopter touches down and lifts off for air taxi operations

### Helicopter Taxi Route

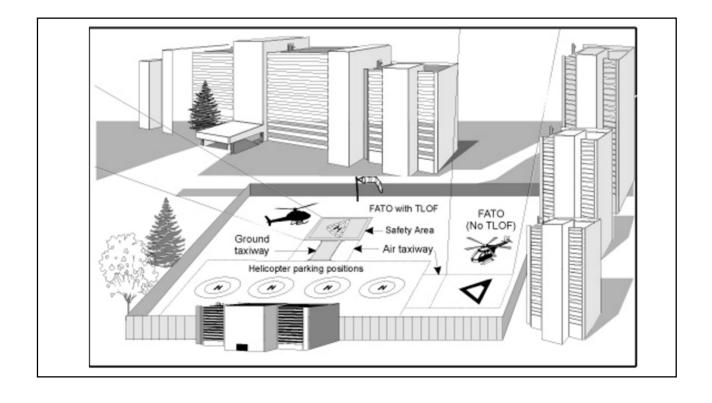
• A defined path established for the movement of helicopters from one part of a heliport to another. A taxi route includes a helicopter air or ground taxiway which is centre on the taxi route.

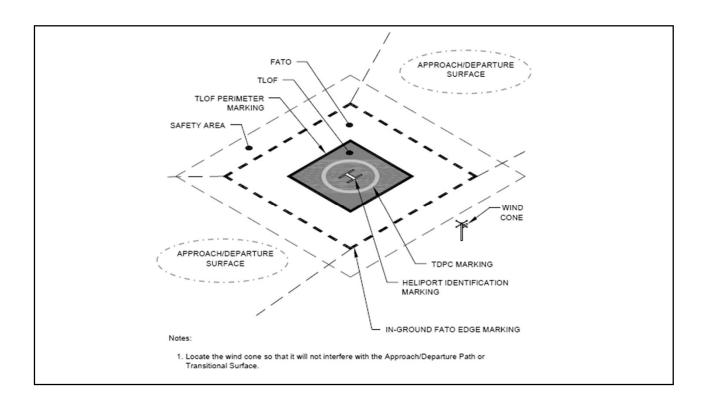
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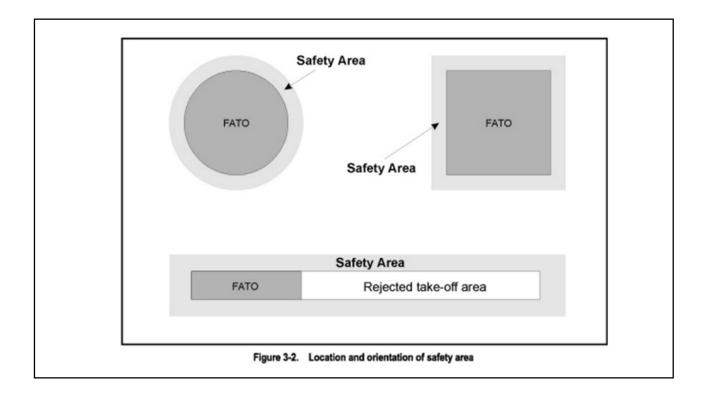
• A surface capable of supporting the loads generated by a helicopter conducting an emergency touchdown on it

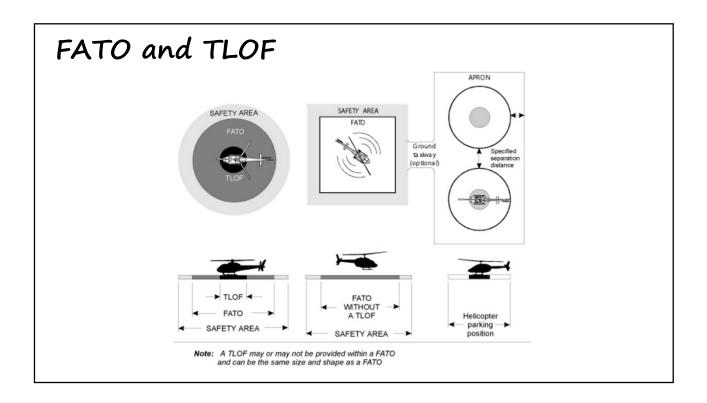
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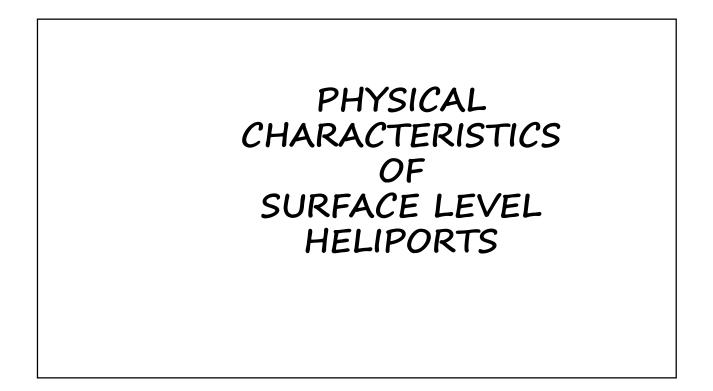
• A surface capable of supporting the mass of a helicopter situated upon it.











### Final Approach and Take-Off Areas (FATO)

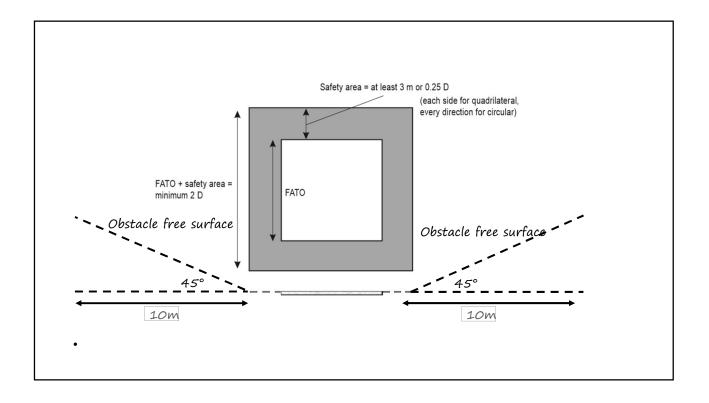
- A FATO shall be obstacle free
- Width of FATO = 1D of the largest helicopter
- Pavement Slope =< 3% in any direction
- The surface shall:
  - Be resistant to the effects of rotor downwash
  - Be free of irregularities that would adversely affect the takeoff or landing of helicopters
- Surface of FATO surrounding TLOF shall be static load bearing

### Touchdown and Lift-off Areas (TLOF)

- At least one TLOF shall be provided at a heliport
- Width of TLOF = 0.83D of the largest helicopter
- Pavement slopes =< 2%</li>
- When TLOF within FATO; TLOF shall be dynamic load bearing
- When TLOF within helicopter stand; TLOF shall be static load bearing

### Safety Area

- FATO shall be surrounded by a safety area which need not be solid
- A safety area surrounding a FATO shall extend outwards from the periphery of the FATO for a distance of at least 3 m or 0.25 D, whichever is greater, of the largest helicopter the FATO is intended to serve and:
- a) each external side of the safety area shall be at least 2 D where the FATO is quadrilateral; or
- b) the outer diameter of the safety area shall be at least 2 D where the FATO is circular.
- There shall be a protected side slope rising at 45 degrees from the edge of the safety area to a distance of 10 m, whose surface shall not be penetrated by obstacles, except that when obstacles are located to one side of the FATO only, they may be permitted to penetrate the side slope surface

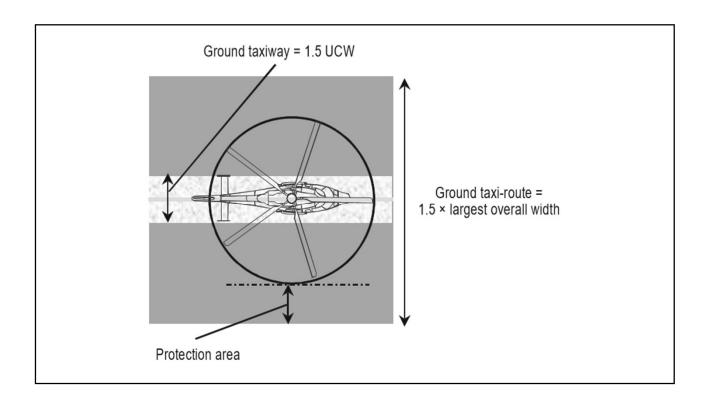


### **Objects in Safety Area**

- No fixed objects except FRANGIBLE objects that must be located on the area for its function
- Objects located within safety area shall be
  - =<5cm height if located <0.75D from centre of FATO
  - Starting at 25cm sloping upwards and outwards at a gradient of 5% if located =>0.75D from centre of FATO
- No mobile objects during helicopter operations
- Slope on Safety Area =<4%

### Helicopter Ground Taxiways and Taxi-Routes

- Width ground taxiways >= 1.5 UCW
- Width ground taxi-route = 1.5 D
- Longitudinal slope =< 3%
- Transverse slope =< 2%
- Ground taxi routes shall be static load bearing and able to withstand the traffic of helicopters it is intended to serve



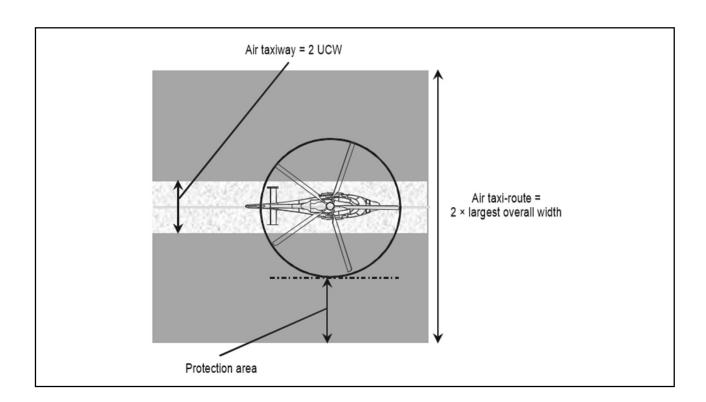
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### Helicopter Air Taxiways and Taxi-Routes

- Width air taxiways = 2 UCW
- Width air taxi-route = 2 D
- Longitudinal slope =< 7%
- Transverse slope =< 10%</li>
- The surface of air taxiway shall be static load bearing

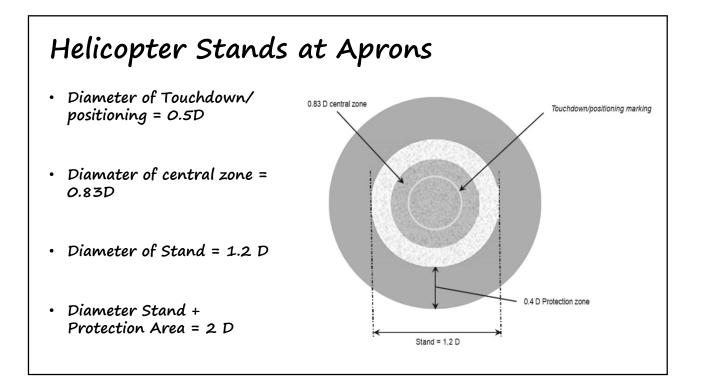
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- Distance >= 0.5D from edge of air taxiway
  - 25cm height and sloping upwards and outwards at a gradient of 5%



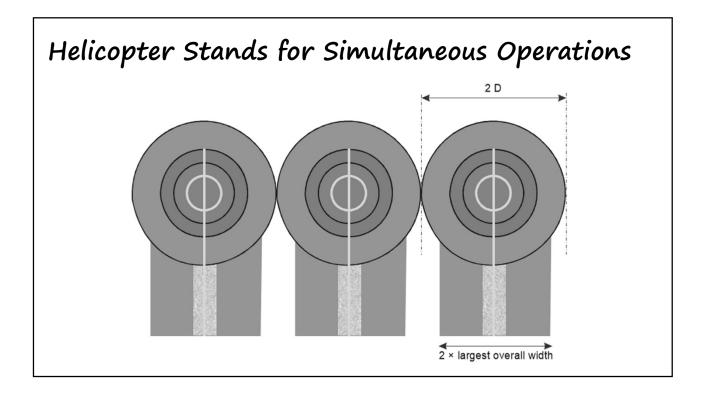
### Helicopter Stands

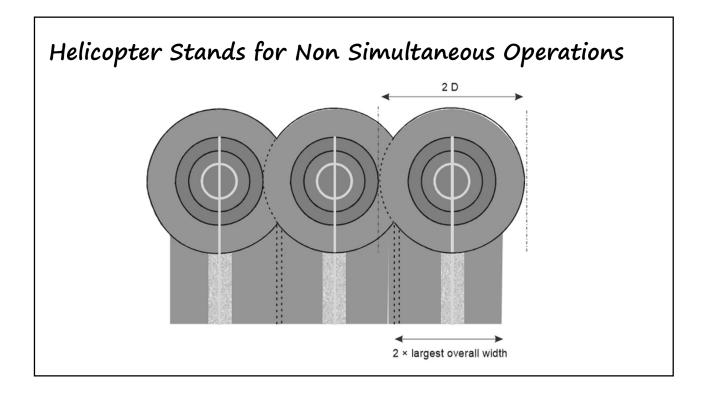
- When TLOF is collocated with helicopter stand, the protection area of the stand shall not overlap the protection area of other helicopter stand or associated taxi route.
- Pavement slope =<2%</li>
- Pavement shall be static load bearing on area :
  - Diameter >= 0.83D
  - For taxi through stand, with no turn, the same width as the helicopter ground taxiway



### Helicopter Stands

- A helicopter stand intended to be used by helicopters turning in a hover shall be of sufficient size to contain a circle of diameter >= 1.2 D of the largest helicopter the stand is intended to serve
- Where a helicopter stand is intended to be used for taxi-through and where the helicopter using the stand is not required to turn, the minimum width of the stand and associated protection area shall be that of the taxi-route.
- Where a helicopter stand is intended to be used for turning, the minimum dimension of the stand and protection area shall be >= 2 D  $\,$
- Where a helicopter stand is intended to be used for turning, it shall be surrounded by a protection area which extends for a distance of 0.4 D from the edge of the helicopter stand.
- For simultaneous operations, the protection areas of helicopter stands and their associated taxi-routes shall not overlap





### **Objects in Helicopter Stands**

- No fixed objects shall be located in the protection area except FRANGIBLE objects that must be located on the area for its function
- No mobile objects during helicopter operations
- Distance <0.75 D from centre of helicopter stand
  - 5 cm height
- Distance >=0.75 D from centre of helicopter stand
  - 25cm height and sloping upwards and outwards at a gradient of 5%

### Location of FATO in Relation to Runway and Taxiway

- FATO shall not be located
  - Near taxiway intersections or holding points where jet engine efflux will cause air turbulence
  - Near areas where aeroplane vortex wake generation is likely to exist

If aeroplane mass and/or helicopter mass are	Distance between FATO edge and runway edge or taxiway edge
up to but not including 3 175 kg	60 m
3 175 kg up to but not including 5 760 kg	120 m
5 760 kg up to but not including 100 000 kg	180 m
100 000 kg and over	250 m

# OBSTACLE ENVIRONMENT

### **Obstacle Limitation Requirements**

- New objects or extension of existing objects shall not be permitted above any of the obstacle limitation surface, except when, in the opinion of the Authority, the new object or extension would be shielded by an existing immovable object.
- Existing objects above any of the obstacle limitation surface, should, as far as practical be removed except when, in the opinion of the Authority, the object is shielded by an existing immovable object or, after an aeronautical study, that the object would not adversely affect the safety or significantly affect the regularity of operations of helicopter
- A surface-level heliport should have at least two approach and take-off climb surfaces to avoid downwind conditions, minimize crosswind conditions and permit for a balked landing.

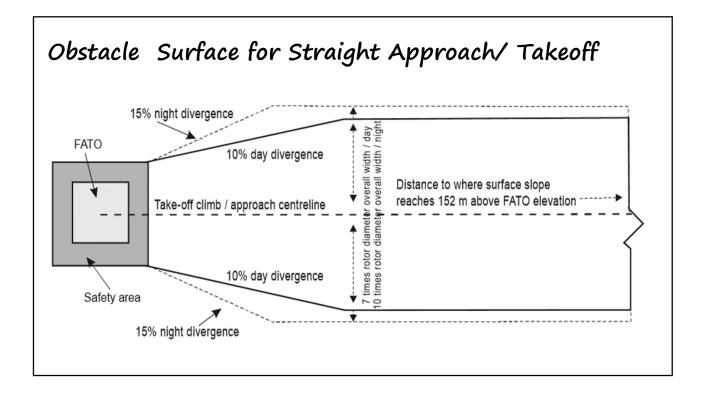
### Single Approach and Take Off

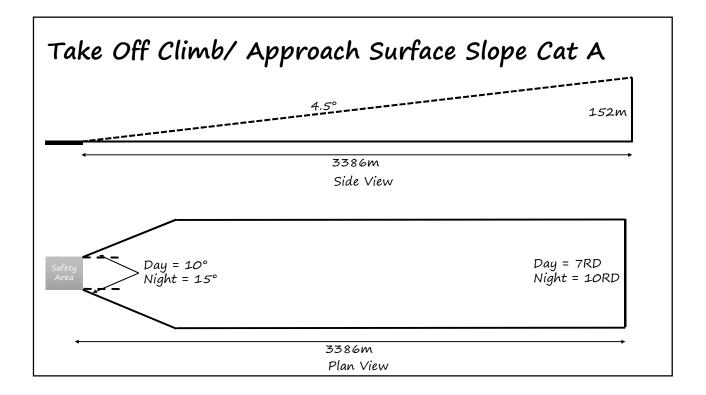
- An aeronautical study shall be undertaken by an appropriate authority when only a single approach and take-off climb surface is provided considering as a minimum, the following factors
  - the area/terrain over which the flight is being conducted;
  - the obstacle environment surrounding the heliport;
  - the performance and operating limitations of helicopters intending to use the heliport; and
  - the local meteorological conditions including the prevailing winds.

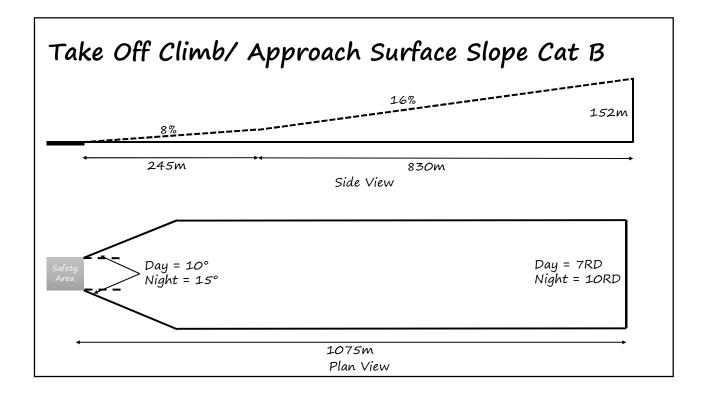
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	Location of inner edge	Safety area boundary (Clearway boundary if provided)	Safety area boundary	Safety area bounda
Olactada	Divergence: (1st and 2nd section)			
Obstacle	Day use only	10%	10%	10%
• • • • •	Night use	15%	15%	15%
imitation	First Section:			
	Length	3 386 m	245 m	1 220 m
Surface	Slope	4.5%	8%	12.5%
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	Outer Width	(b)	N/A	(b)
	Second Section:			
	Length	N/A	830 m	N/A
	Slope	N/A	16%	N/A
			(1:6.25)	2272
	Outer Width	N/A	(b)	N/A
	Total Length from inner edge (a)	3 386 m	1 075 m	1 220 m
	Transitional Surface: (FATOs with a PinS approach procedure with a VSS)			
	Slope	50%	50%	50%
		(1:2)	(1:2)	(1:2)
	Height	45 m	45 m	45 m

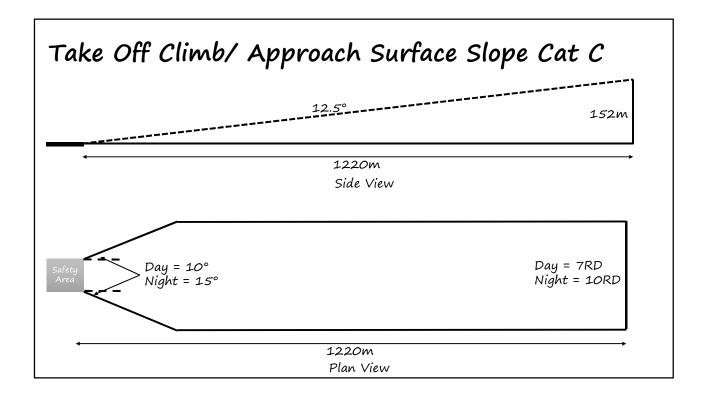
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• Slope B	Location of inner edge	Safety area boundary (Clearway boundary if provided)	Safety area boundary	Safety area boundar
• Corresponds with helicopter Class 3	Divergence: (1st and 2nd section)			
	Day use only	10%	10%	10%
helicopter Class 3	Night use	15%	15%	15%
	First Section:			
• Slope C	Length	3 386 m	245 m	1 220 m
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• Corresponds with helicopter Class 2	Outer Width	(1.22.2) (b)	N/A	(1.8) (b)
	Second Section:			
helicopter Class 2	Length	N/A	830 m	N/A
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			(1:6.25)	
	Outer Width	N/A	(b)	N/A
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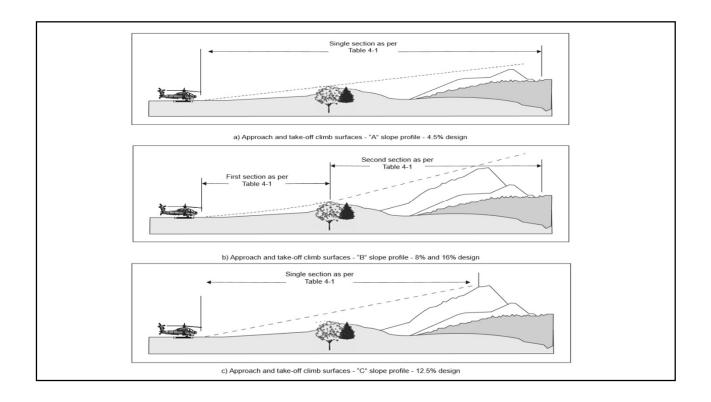
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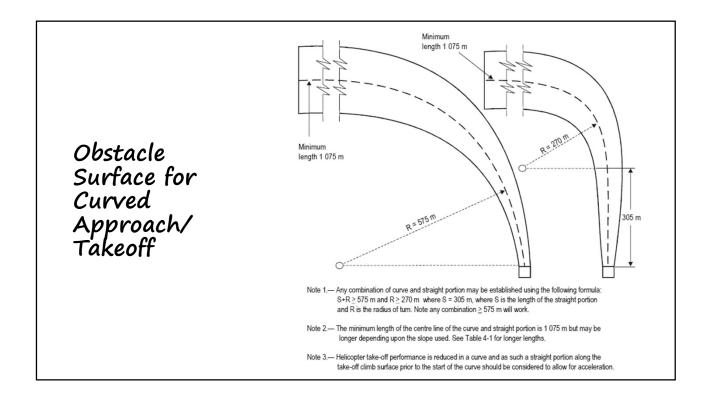








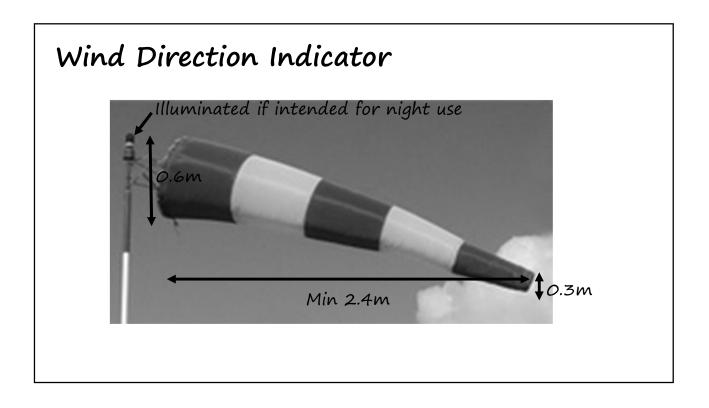




# VISUAL AIDS

### Wind Direction Indicator

- A heliport SHALL be equipped with one wind direction indicator.
- Wind direction indicator shall be located so as to indicate the wind conditions over the FATO and TLOF and in such a way as to be free from the effects of airflow disturbances caused by nearby objects or rotor downwash. It shall be visible from a helicopter in flight, in a hover or on the movement area.



### Mandatory Markings

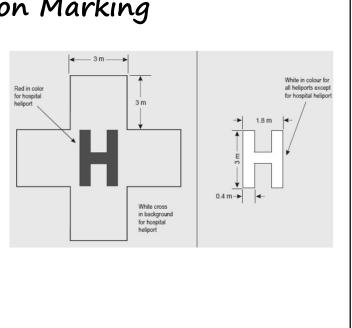
- Heliport identification marking
- FATO area marking
- TLOF area marking
- Maximum allowable mass marking

### Other Important Markings

- FATO area designation marking
- Aiming point marking
- Touchdown marking
- Heliport name marking

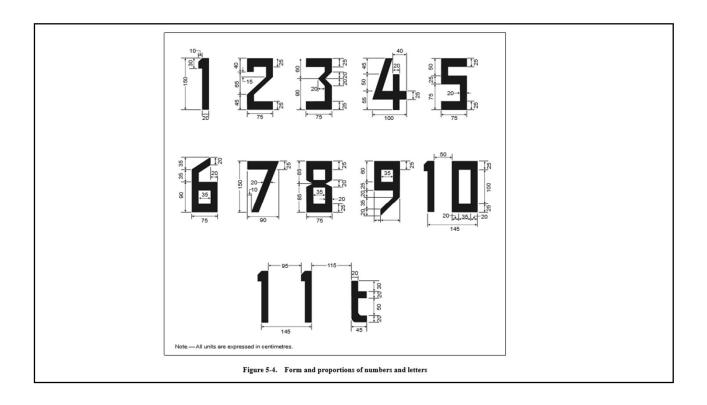
### Heliport Identification Marking

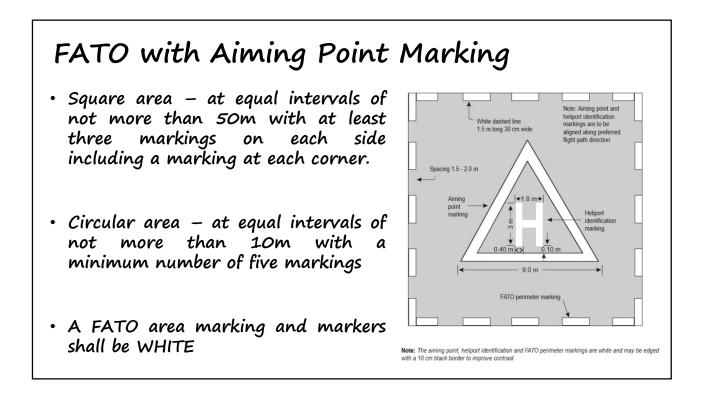
- WHITE coloured letter "H" except at hospital area
- RED coloured letter "H" with a white cross at hospital area
- Located at the centre of the FATO
- Oriented so that the crossarm of the "H" is at right angles to the preferred final approach direction.

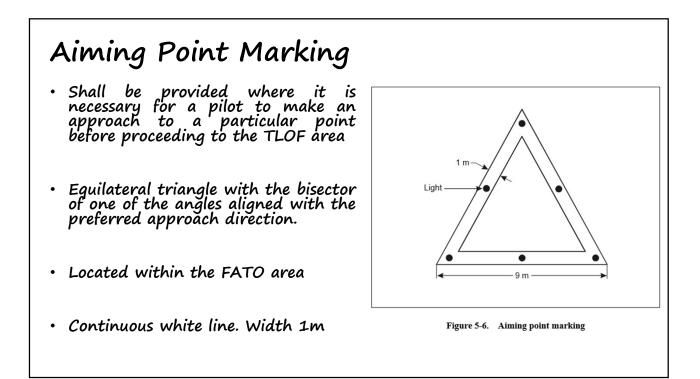


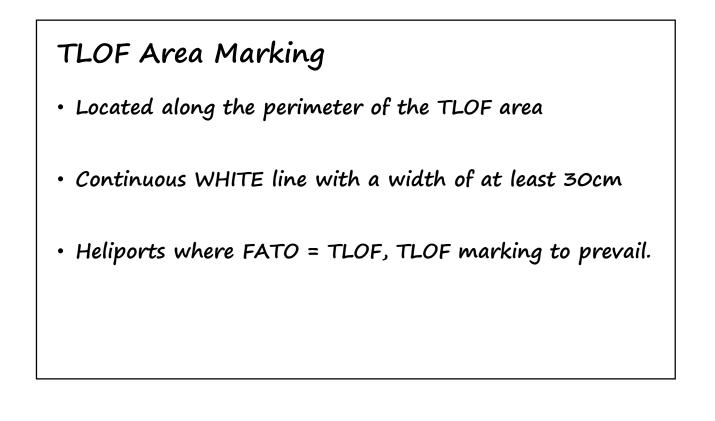
### Maximum Allowable Mass Marking

- Shall be displayed at an elevated heliport, a helideck and a shipboard heliport.
- Recommended to be displayed on surface level heliports
- Located within the TLOF or FATO and readable from approach direction
- Consists of a one, two or three digit number
- Expressed in tonnes rounded to the nearest 1000 kg followed by the letter "t".
- Decimal point to be marked with 30cm square.
- Colour to contrast with background
- Size = FATO > 30m : Follow figure 5.4
   FATO 15m 30m : minimum 90cm height
   FATO < 15m : minimum 60cm height</li>







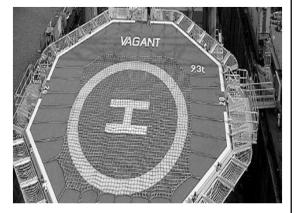


### Touchdown Marking

- Shall be provided where it is necessary for a helicopter to touchdown in a specific position. Shall be provided on a helicopter stand designed for turning.
- Located so that when a helicopter for which the marking is intended is positioned, with the main undercarriage inside the marking and the pilot situated over the marking, all parts of the helicopter will be clear of any obstacle by a safe margin.
- YELLOW circle and have a line width of at least 0.5m. Inner diameter shall be 0.5D of the largest helicopter

### Heliport Name Marking

- Shall be provided at a heliport where visual identification of the heliport is necessary
- Placed so as to be visible, as far as practical, at all angles above the horizontal.
- Consists of the name or alphanumeric designator of the heliport as used in R/T communication
- The characters shall not be less than 3m height and colour to contrast from background
- Illuminated if used at night





### Ground Taxiway Marking

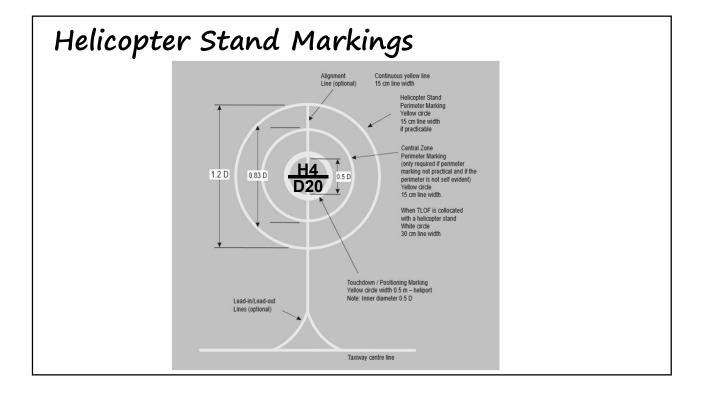
- Centreline YELLOW with width at least 15cm and continuous in length
- Edge Continuous double YELLOW lines each 15cm in width and spaced 15 cm apart (nearest edge to nearest edge)

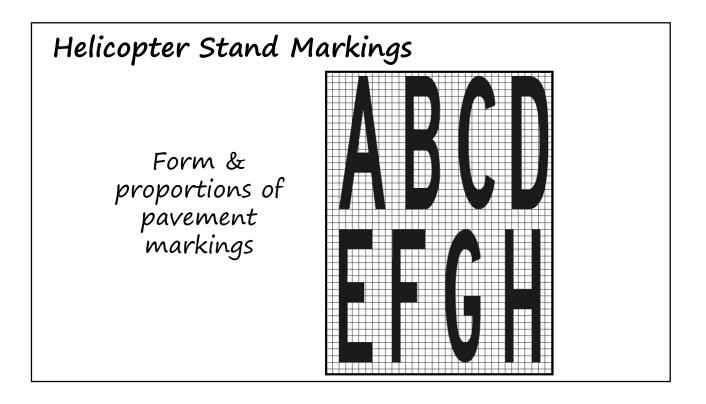
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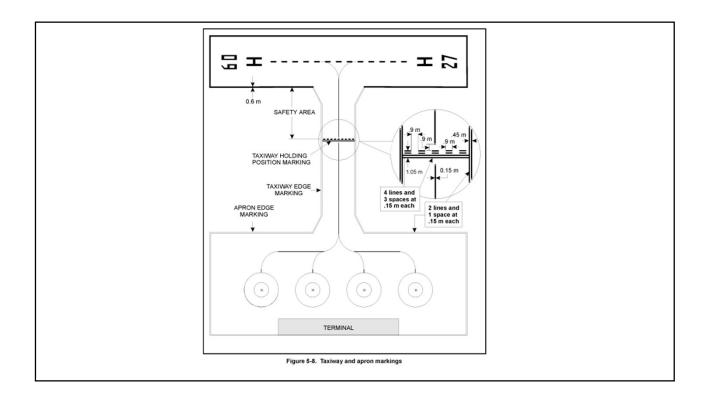
- Centreline Continuous YELLOW line 15cm in width
- Edge Continuous double YELLOW lines each 15cm in width and spaced 15 cm apart (nearest edge to nearest edge)

### Helicopter Stand Markings

- A helicopter stand perimeter marking shall be a yellow circle and have a line width of 15 cm.
- A central zone perimeter marking shall be a yellow circle and have a line width of 15 cm, except when the TLOF is collocated with a helicopter stand, the characteristics of the TLOF perimeter markings shall apply.
- For a helicopter stand intended to be used for taxi-through and which does not allow the helicopter to turn, a yellow stop line shall not be less than the width of the helicopter ground taxiway and have a line thickness of 50 cm

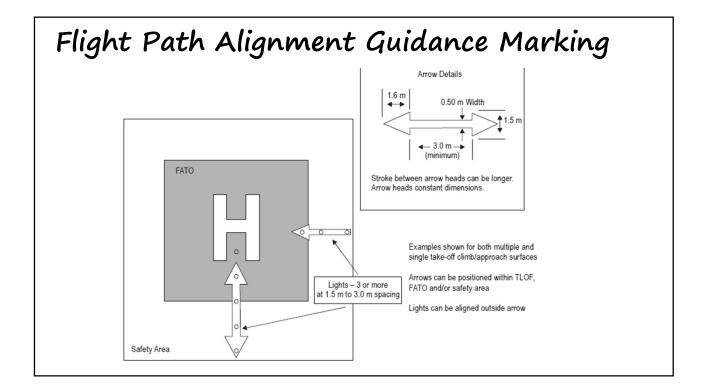






### Flight Path Alignment Guidance Marking

- Flight path alignment guidance marking(s) should be provided at a heliport where it is desirable and practicable to indicate available approach and/or departure path direction(s)
- The stroke of the arrow(s) shall be 50 cm in width and at least 3 m in length.
- The markings should be in a colour which provides good contrast against the background colour of the surface on which they are marked, preferably white.



### Lights

- The following lights shall be provided at heliport intended for use by night or in restricted visibility condition by day or night
  - Heliport beacon
  - FATO area lights
  - TLOF area lights
  - Obstacle Lights
- Aiming points lights shall be provided where an aiming point is established
- Taxiway lights shall be provided where helicopter ground taxiway is established.

### Heliport Beacons

- Shall be provided where:
  - long-range visual guidance is considered necessary and is not provided by other visual means; or
  - identification of the heliport is difficult due to surrounding lights.

### FATO Area Light

- FATO area lights shall be provided except that they may be omitted where the FATO area and the TLOF area are coincidental.
- Omni directional WHITE light





### TLOF Lights

- TLOF area lights SHALL be provided
- Omni directional showing green

## Obstacle Lights

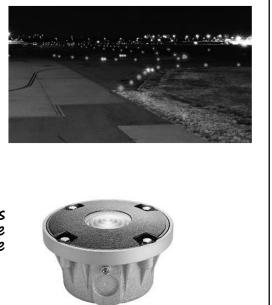
 At a heliport intended for use at night, obstacles shall be floodlighted if it is not possible to display obstacle lights on them



 To follow recommendations in Annex 14 Volume 1

### Aiming Point Lights

- When an aiming point marking is provided at a heliport intended for use at night, aiming point light should be provided
- Omnidirectional WHITE light



## RESCUE & FIRE FIGHTING

### Level of Protection

- Level of protection shall be based on overall length of the longest helicopter NORMALLY using the heliport.
- During anticipated periods of operations by smaller helicopters, the heliport fire fighting category may be reduced to that of the highest category of helicopter planned to use the heliport during that time
- In the case of a heliport located on an aerodrome, it may be assumed that the rescue and fire fighting services and equipment provided for aeroplanes will be at least equal to those required for the longest helicopter normally using the facility and that the response time to the helicopter does not exceed two minutes.

Category	Helicopter over-all length *
H1	up to but not including 15 m
H2	from 15 m up to but not including 24 m
H3	from 24 m up to but not including 35 m

	Foam	meeting performance level B		Complementary agents	
Categor	Water (L)	Discharge rate foam solution (L/min)	Dry chemical powders (kg)	Halons (kg)	CO <sub>2</sub> (kg)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) or	(5)	or (6)
H1	500	250	23	23	45
H2	1 000	500	45	45	90
H3	1 600	800	90	90	180

production of foam meeting performance level B

### Response Time

- Response time is defined as the time between the initial call to the rescue and firefighting service and the time when the first responding vehicle is in position to apply foam at a rate of at least 50% of the allowable discharge rate
- A response time not exceeding two minutes in optimum conditions of visibility and surface conditions shall be achieved

Response	Equi	pment
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	Heliport HF category		
Equipment	H1 and H2	НЗ	
Adjustable wrench	1	1	
Axe, rescue, non-wedge or aircraft type	1	1	
Cutters, bolt, 60 cm	1	1	
Crowbar, 105 cm	1	1	
Hook, grab or slaving	1	1	
Hacksaw, heavy duty complete with 6 spare blades	1	1	
Blanket, fire resistant	1	1	
Ladder, length appropriate to Helicopter in use		1	
Lifeline, 5 cm, 15 m in length	1	1	
Pliers, side cutting	1	1	
Set of assorted screwdrivers	1	1	
Harness knife complete with sheath	1	1	
Gloves, fire resistant	2 pairs	3 pairs	
Power cutting tool	-	1	

