SANTA MONICA AIRPORT
Pilot’s Guide

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Santa Monica, CA 90405
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Frequencies
CTAF 120.1 MHz
ATIS 119.15 MHz or (310) 450-4620
Tower 120.1 MHz (0700 to 2100 local)
Ground Control 121.9 MHz (0700 to 2100 local)
Unicom 122.95 MHz (after hours)
VOT 113.9 MHz
SMO VORTAC 110.8 MHz

Traffic Pattern
Left Traffic Runway 21
Right Traffic Runway 03
Pattern Altitude 1,370 feet MSL Single-Engine
1,870 feet MSL Multi-Engine

Instrument Approach Procedure
VOR or GPS-A Runway 21

Airfield Information
Field Elevation 170 feet MSL
Runway 21 170 feet MSL
Runway 03 126 feet MSL
Runway Length/Width 3,500 Feet X 150 Feet (ASPH)
Runway Slope maximum 1.2% down SW
Runway Lighting MRLL, PAPI R03, REL & PAPI R21
Maximum Weight 60,000 lbs Maximum Certified
Landing Weight (dual wheel)

Fly Neighborly Program
Welcome to the neighborhood and the Santa Monica Municipal Airport, one of the busiest single-runway general aviation airports in the nation. We hope you will enjoy your time with us. This brochure introduces you to the Santa Monica Airport’s Fly Neighborly Program and will help you operate your aircraft in the least impactful manner possible while providing a safe environment.

The Airport is in the heart of a neighborhood surrounded by over 130,000 residents. The City of Santa Monica is proactively committed to its extensive noise mitigation program, which includes a maximum allowable noise level, limited aircraft operations hours, and requested VFR noise mitigation flight paths and procedures. This brochure is designed to assist you with compliance of these procedures; helping you be a good neighbor.

The City and Airport staff recognize that pilots truly are the key to a successful noise mitigation program. We greatly appreciate your help and cooperation in making the Airport a good neighbor.

DISCLAIMER: The procedures described in this brochure are not intended to preempt the prerogatives or responsibilities of the pilot-in-command, conflict with safe aircraft operations, or interfere with ATC instructions or any duties that is the exclusive authority of the FAA.

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Mandatory Restrictions

The following procedures and limitations are enforced per the City’s Aircraft Noise Ordinance. Violations may result in the imposition of fines and/or exclusion from Santa Monica Airport.

- Maximum Noise Level: 95.0 dBA Single Event Noise Exposure Level (SENEL) as measured 2,200’ from either ends of the runway.
- Formation takeoffs and landings are prohibited. Formation flying within Class D airspace is highly discouraged unless necessary for an emergency.
- Helicopter flight training is prohibited.

Mandatory Night Departure Curfew

No takeoffs or engine starts including Auxiliary Power Units (APU) between 11pm and 7am Monday through Friday or until 8am on weekends.

Exceptions are allowed for bona fide medical or public safety emergencies only. Contact Airport Administration.

Voluntary Night Arrival Curfew

Pilots are requested to avoid operations during this time period due to the negative noise impact on the community.

Note: Compliance with the Airport Ordinance is mandatory unless deviations are made necessary by weather, ATC instructions or clearances, inflight emergency or other safety considerations.

Helicopter Procedures

These helicopter procedures are derived from a Letter of Agreement between the City of Santa Monica and the FAA.

Helicopter Departures RWY 21

Depart via runway and offset left at the VOR to over-fly the length of the Penmar Golf Course. Please make all turns at shoreline (see map).

Helicopter Departures RWY 03

Depart via runway and proceed straight out to 405 FWY before executing left or right crosswind.

VFR Helicopter Arrivals

Enter midfield 90 degrees to the runway at or above 900 feet MSL and execute descending turn to runway. Whenever possible, do not commence descent until established over the Airport or Business Park located north of the runway.

Public Use Helipad Parking (Restricted to 2 hours)

The Helipad is located on the south side of runway 03/21. When landing on the helipad, avoid flying over the Airport Observation Deck at the Airport Administration Building and stationary or taxiing aircraft to minimize rotor wash. Remain clear of the runway at all times unless approved by the ATC.

Contact Atlantic Aviation for overnight or long term parking:
(310) 396 6770

Noise Mitigation Policies

Fly Neighborly, Fly Quietly

Fixed Based Operators Providing Transient Services

Atlantic Aviation
2828 Donald Douglas Loop North, Santa Monica, CA 90405
Phone: 310-396-6770 Frequency: 122.95 MHz
Fuel – JetA, 100LL

Aeroplex
Self-serve Fuel Station
Fuel: 100LL
Located Southwest side of the field

For Noise Mitigation purposes, cross the Airport boundary at or above 900’ MSL.

No Right Turns Prior to Shoreline