

# SANTA MONICA AIRPORT Pilot's Guide

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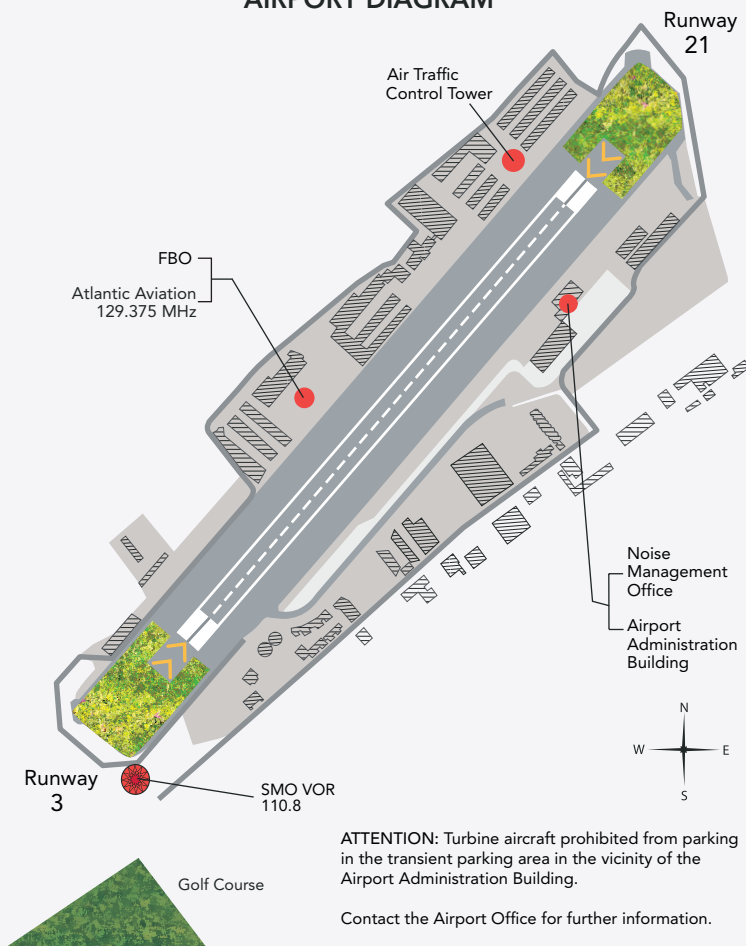
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### JET AIRCRAFT AIRPORT DIAGRAM



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## Santa Monica Airport (SMO)

### Fly Neighborly Program

Welcome to the Santa Monica Municipal Airport, former home of the Douglas Aircraft Company and its iconic DC3 aircraft. 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 domain that is the exclusive authority of the FAA.



SMO Fly Neighborly, Fly Quietly

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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 end of the runway. This distance is closer than the standard used for aircraft noise certification standards.**
- **Intersection departures are prohibited.**
- **Formation takeoffs and landings are prohibited.**
- **Prior permission is required from the Airport Director for dual wheel aircraft in excess of 60,000 lbs. MCLW Call (310) 458-8591.**

**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**

11pm to 7am Monday through Friday or until 8am on weekends. Pilots are requested to avoid arriving 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.

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**IFR Engine Start Procedures**

Contact Ground Control on 121.9 MHz for IFR clearances. Contact Ground Control one minute prior to actual engine start. Do not start engines prior to advising ATC.

**Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Limitations**

Limit APU usage to thirty (30) minutes.

**Reverse Thrust Use**

Use minimum reverse thrust necessary for safety.

**Turbine Aircraft Parking Restrictions**

Turbine aircraft are prohibited from parking in the transient parking area in the vicinity of the Airport Administration Building. Contact the Airport Operations Office for further information.

**Warning—Listed Aircraft**

The following aircraft have been shown to be unable to meet the maximum noise level of 95.0 dBA SENEL and are permanently excluded from operating at Santa Monica Airport after one violation and subject to misdemeanor prosecution: Piaggio Aero P.180 Avanti (I&II), Aero Delfin I-29, BAC Jet Provost, North American B-17, B-25, Casa Saeta, De Havilland Vampire, Venom, Sea Vixen, Douglas DC-9, A-4 Skyhawk, English Electric Lightning, Folland, Gnat, Fouga CM 170 Magister, Gates Learjet 23, 24B, 24BA, 25, 25B, 25D, 25F, 28; Gloster Meteor, Grumman F9F Panther/Cougar, Gulfstream II, IIB, III; Hansa HFB 320, Hawker Hunter, Jet Commander 1121, IAI Westwind 1123, HS125-1A, 3A; Lockheed T-33/Canadian Silver Star, Lockheed F-1-4 Starfighter, Lockheed 1329 Jetstar, VC-121A Constellation; Morane-Saulnier Paris II, Mikoyan Gurevich MIG 15, MIG 17, MIG 19, MIG 21; North American F86/Canadair CL-13 Abre, North American Rockwell Sabreliner 39,40A, 60, 60A, 70, 75, 80. *This list may be updated. Please contact the Noise Management Office for current aircraft list.*

**Frequencies**

CTAF	120.1 MHz
ATIS	119.15 MHz
Tower	120.1 MHz (0700 to 2100 local)
Ground Control	121.9 MHz (0700 to 2100 local)
VOT	113.9 MHz
SMO VORTAC	110.8 MHz
ASOS	310-392-6453

**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**

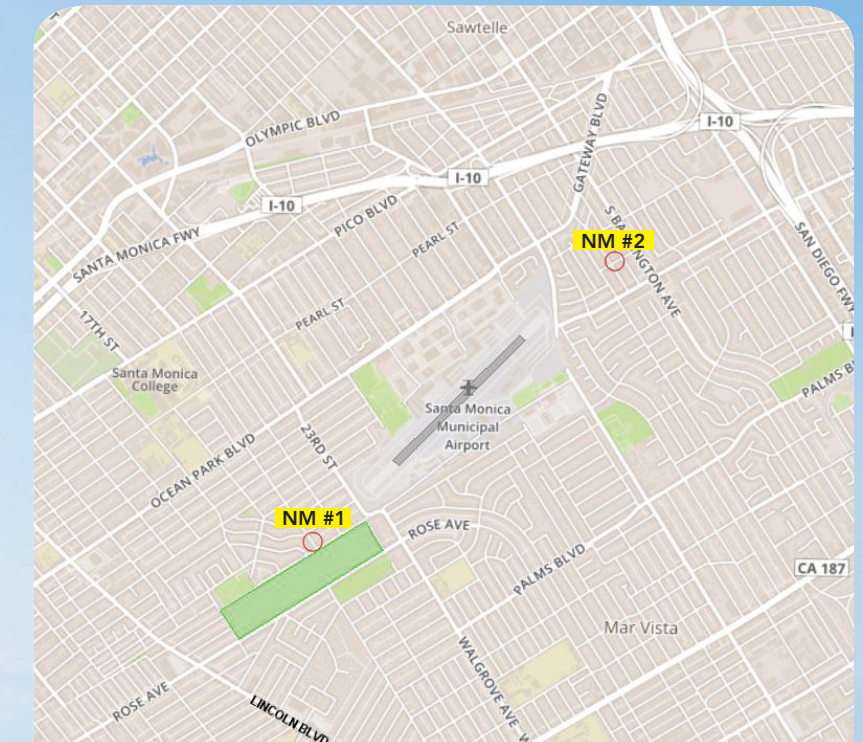
VOR	Runway 21
RNAV (GPS)	Runways 03 & 21

**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	1.2% down SW
Runway Lighting	MIRLs, PAPI R03, REIL & PAPI R21
Maximum Weight	60,000 lbs. Maximum Certified Landing Weight (dual wheel)

**Fixed Based Operators Providing Transient Services**

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