

FAAST Runway Safety Training

Proper Planning Promotes Safer Ground Operations

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Interactive presentation style: Ask relevant questions frequently. It is more important to address your concerns than to present without regard for your questions.

Holding pattern for unanswered questions.

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Outline

- **Presenter's Background**
- **Quick Overview of FAASTeam**
- **Seminar Focus: Runway Incursions**
- **Audience Response Q&A Quiz Game
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Audience Response quiz is based mostly on AC61-93B

Presenter's Background

- **1976 – US Army Avionics (Radar) Technician**
- **1984 – CFI & Charter Pilot**
- **2004 – FO LR-JET**
- **2006 – CA LR-JET**
- **2008 – FO B747-200, LCF, 400**
- **2010 – CA B-747-400 Director of Flight Standards**
- **Present CFI & Contract Pilot Services**



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www.faasafety.gov



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Activities of the FAASTeam are organized primarily through a Website, and through the local FAA FSDO.

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Safety Seminars

FAASTeam Mission Statement

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Relationship With Aviation Community

FAASTeam Members are individuals who makes a conscious effort to promote aviation safety and become part of the shift in safety culture. Members are:

Pilots – participate in WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program

Mechanics – participate in AMT Awards Program

Everyone who attends FAASTeam Seminars

Thank You!



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People - Attend Seminars (**Next Slide**)

Introduction

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- Everybody **talks** about safe ground operations.
- Everybody **emphasizes** Runway Safety.

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Runway Safety is a “hot topic” in the aviation industry.

All pilots, controllers and vehicle operators know and are taught the importance of safe ground operations.

Ground operations place aircraft and occupants at the closest point to other aircraft and vehicles during any flight.

Everybody **knows** that Runway Safety is critical.

Everybody **talks** about safe ground operations.

Everybody **emphasizes** runway safety.

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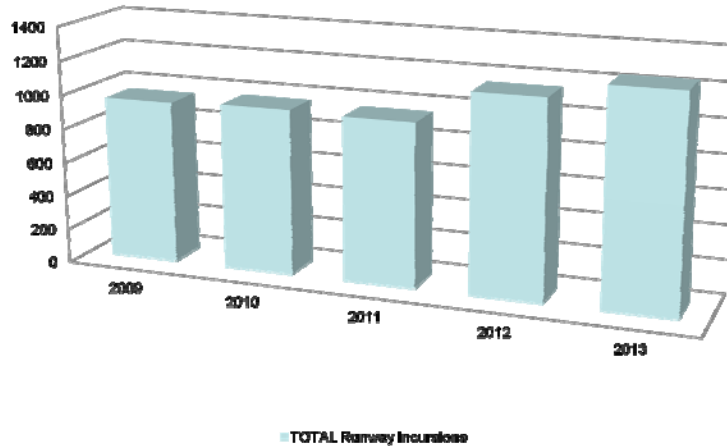
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But, how are we doing **individually** as pilots, air traffic controllers and vehicle operators?

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TOTAL Runway Incursions



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WE NEED TO IMPROVE!

If **EVERYBODY** knows, talks and emphasizes Runway Safety, **WHY** did we have 951 Runway Incursions in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009; 966 in FY2010; 954 in FY2011; 1150 in FY 2012?

In FY2013 there were 1241 runway incursions; that means an average of 3.4 runway incursions each day! This makes the number more sobering.

We **Individual** pilots, controllers and vehicle operators must not know, talk about or emphasize what Everybody does!

This module is to help you improve safety as you navigate around airports.

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The Runway Safety focus is Runway Incursions

What is a Runway Incursion?

The definition of a runway incursion is,
“Any occurrence at an aerodrome involving the incorrect presence of an aircraft, vehicle, or person on the protected area of a surface designated for the landing and takeoff of aircraft.”

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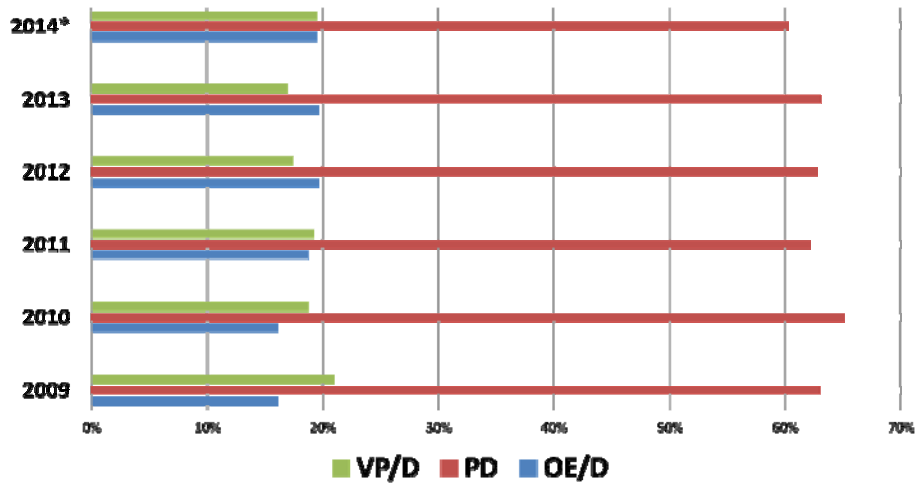
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Distribution of Runway Incursion Types



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This slide breaks the Runway Incursions down for years 2009 through 2014 into three categories: **Vehicle Operators, Pilot Deviations and ATC Errors.**

Two things should readily stand out in this graphic presentation.

First, it is readily apparent that pilots make the largest number of mistakes resulting in Runway Incursions.

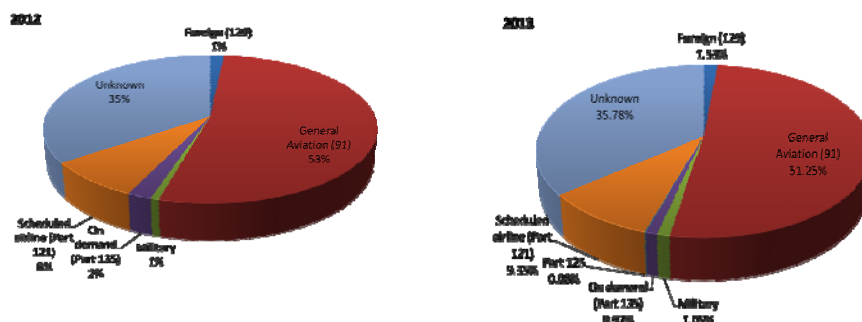
Secondly, notice that the percentages for each group each year is almost the same. It doesn't change. We all ask: "Why?" No one has produced the answer yet. Even looking at 2014 which is not a complete year, we are making mistakes at the same rate!

***The FY2014 statistics are as of June 2014.**

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Pilot Deviations resulting in Runway Incursions by Type Operation



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This slide shows an analysis of **two years of pilot deviations by type operation - FY2012 and FY2013.**

Historically, General Aviation pilots make the most mistakes resulting in Runway Incursions.

There are possible reasons, but the reasons can't become an excuse. The purpose of this module is to suggest mitigations to potentially make your ground operations safer.

Some extenuating circumstances/reasons:

- Single pilot as opposed to crew aircraft;
- An airline pilot sits higher above the taxiway surface and therefore has a better view;
- More proficient;
- Fly to the same airports on a repeated basis.

So, a GA single pilot must make up for these disadvantages in some manner.

Better and more thorough planning is one way to level the playing field.

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What we will discuss

- **What can we as General Aviation pilots do to reduce our Runway Incursion numbers?**
- **Using a sample flight from Key Field Airport, Meridian, Mississippi (KMEI) to David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport (KDWH), Houston, Texas**
- **We will present techniques all can use to promote safe ground operations.**

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What can General Aviation Pilots do to reduce the number of Runway Incursions?

Again! One is **better planning!** Stay alert and focus on what we are doing.

We'll use an example flight from Key Field Airport, Meridian, Mississippi to David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport in Houston, Texas. The weather in our example is not an issue but poor visibility and night exacerbates the pilot's problems and must be considered when planning ground operations.

We will present techniques pilots can use to plan their ground operations and increase their safety while operating on the Airport Movement Area.

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- For Single Pilot Operations Review AC 91-73B
- For Crewed Operations Review AC 120-74B

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Seven items: Planning, (Review & Briefing) SA, Pilot/Passenger Communications, ATC/Pilot Communications, Written Taxi Instructions, Taxiing, Use of External Lights. Planning for taxi operations should be an integral part of the pilot's flight planning process and should be completed in two phases: review items and briefing items.

Review Items. (a) FAA initiatives are updating airport signage, marking, and lighting. Be sure you are thoroughly familiar with the updates. Also, there are initiatives that are taking place in airport lighting, and it is important to know what the lighting is displaying to the flightcrews (e.g., Surface Movement Guidance Control System (SMGCS) and RWSL). (d) Review the current airport diagram and hot spots and, if in use, a published textual description of standard taxi routes to provide an overall "big picture" of the airport and its potential areas for a runway incursion.

Briefing Items. It is critical for safety that a thorough briefing of taxi operations is conducted and understood by the pilot. Briefing of the following items should take place at a time when they are relevant and fresh in the pilot's memory (e.g., before taxi and prior to initial descent for landing). **(Next Slide)**

Planning

- **Plan your ground taxi route the same as your flight operations.**
- **Get the big picture – departure and arrival airports.**
- **Start with the Airport Diagram.**
- **Take the time to ask yourself questions:**
 1. Where am I located on the airport?
 2. What are the winds? This indicates the most probable runway.
 3. Are there Hot Spots?
 4. Are there hazards to avoid?
 5. Are there Hot Spots?
 6. Visualize your expected taxi route.

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We all do a pretty good job of flight planning: route, weather, fuel NOTAMS. How many people spend significant time making a detailed plan for their taxi routes from the ramp to the departure runway and from the landing runway to the parking ramp? Pilots – use the same sequence developing taxi routes as the actual flight plans. Follow a logical sequence of steps to plan the taxi route. Make a personal checklist for taxi planning. One airline has a Departure Briefing Guide printed on their cockpit checklist with items deemed most important to consider and brief.

Get Progressive Taxi Instructions or: Where do you get the Taxi Route Chart?

Step 1: Get the big picture. Review the Airport Diagram with your location in mind. Just like the weather synopsis shows the overall weather for your route of flight; determine where your aircraft is parked on the airport surface.

Step 2: If available, listen to the ATIS for winds and active runway.

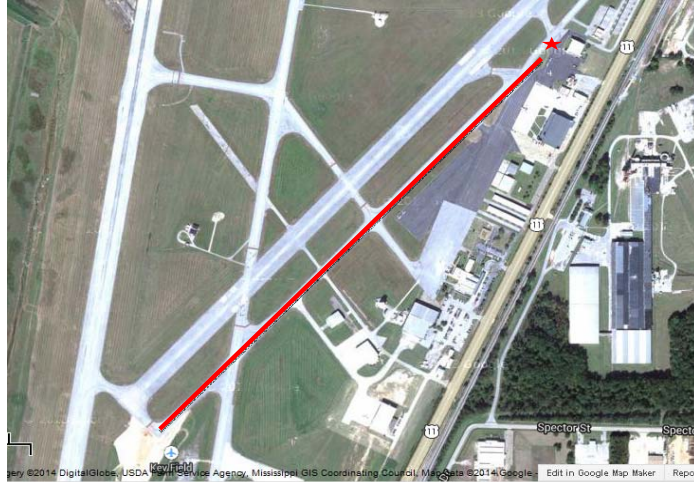
Step 3: Monitor Ground Control and listen for taxi instructions to other aircraft. Make a mental picture of what to expect.

Step 4: Are there hazards to be aware of – Hot spots, construction, airport geometry, non-standard position of runway hold lines, NOTAMS.

Step 5: Review the Airport Diagram – AGAIN – visualize the expected route based on the ATIS or Ground Control instructions you've heard, NOTAMS and your knowledge of airport geometry issues.. Most commercial operators require crews to brief their expected departure taxi routes before moving the aircraft. Think it through before you move!

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Get the Big Picture – Use Resources Like:
<http://skyvector.com/airports> for KMEI



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This slide represents one example from Skyvector.com.

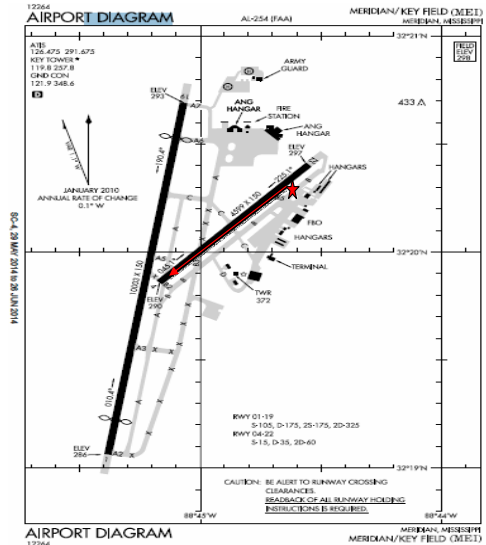
There may be other places pilots can go to see pictures of airports and develop a better “Big Picture.”

Visualize your expected route of taxi.

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Get the Big Picture – Plan your taxi route



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Remain aware that once in the aircraft moving along a taxiway the visual picture you may see will appear different than the picture you saw during planning on the website or the Airport Diagram.

Have the Airport Diagram out in front of you in view for ready reference.

If in doubt about your route or where you are, **STOP!** Don't be embarrassed to ask questions of the controller. Its OK to ask for directions!

Ask for progressive taxi instructions if you are not familiar with the airport or route of taxi that has been assigned. There is no STIGMA ATTACHED TO ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OR **PROGRESSIVE TAXI!**

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What is a Runway Safety Hot Spot?

FAA's *Focus on Hot Spots Brochure* defines "A 'hot spot' is a runway safety related problem area or intersection on an airport."

Hot spots are shown in two ways:

1. Airport Diagrams - graphically
2. Textually in Airport/Facility Directory (A/FD) and Instrument Approach books

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1. Typically, it is a complex or confusing taxiway/taxiway or taxiway/runway intersection.
2. A confusing condition may be compounded by a miscommunication between a controller and a pilot, and may cause an aircraft separation standard to be compromised.
3. The area may have a history of surface incidents or the potential for surface incidents.

This may be due to any mix of causes:

- ***Airport geometry***
- ***Ground traffic flow***
- ***Markings, signage, or lighting***
- ***Human factors.***

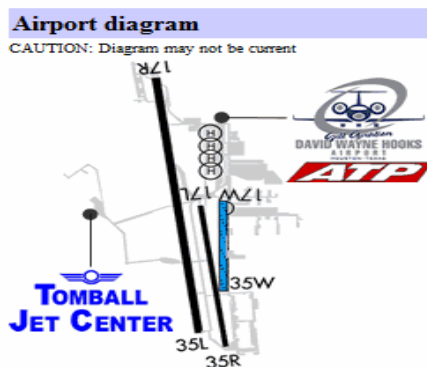
Hot Spots for an airport can be found in three places:

- 1. Airport Diagrams – graphically***
- 2. Airport/Facility Directory (A/FD) textually***
- 3. Instrument Approach books textually.***

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- Do the same process for the arrival airport.
- Know where you will park.



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Do the same process of planning for your arrival airport.

Usually, **at cruise when not too busy or a low threat environment** while reviewing the approach, look at the Airport Diagram.

Use the forecast winds or actual winds from ATIS and determine the probable runway. Visualize the taxi route from the runway to the ramp you think you will receive.

Find out where the FBO you will use is located on the airport. If you call to make sure there is parking for your stay, arrange servicing or rent a car, ask the location on the airport.

AirNav.com, in this example, is one website that provides a graphic display of FBO locations on airports. This information may only be available for airports with more than one FBO. Using this information pilots can determine an expected taxi route from the runway to the ramp.

Locate the FBO on the Airport Diagram.

Have the Airport Diagram out and in view for quick reference after landing!

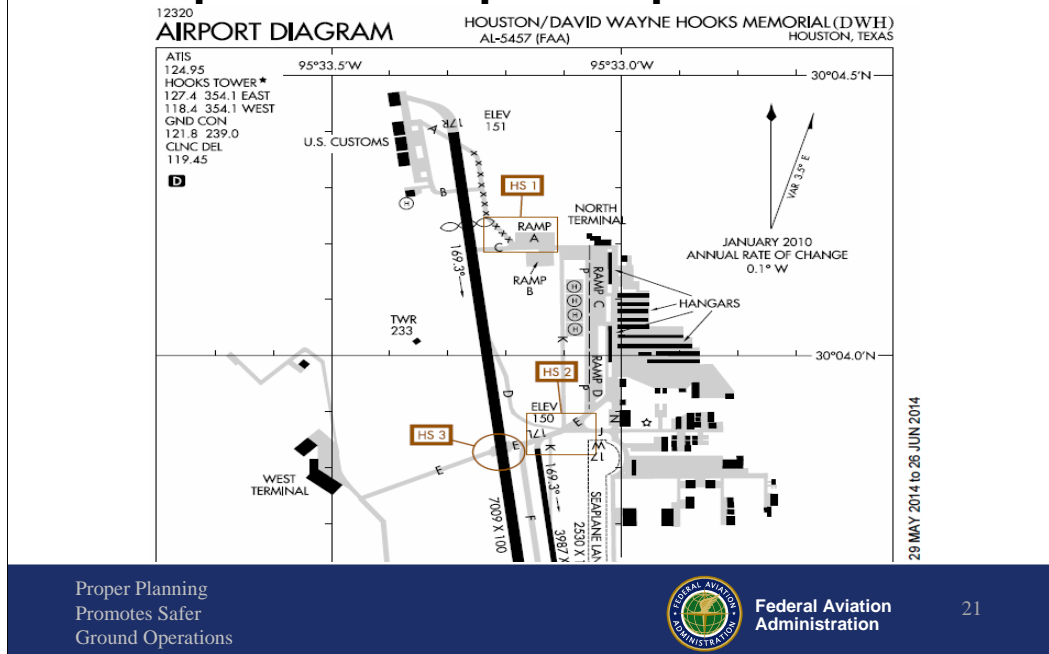
If unfamiliar or unsure, ask for clarification or **PROGRESSIVE TAXI!**

Don't be shy about asking for help!!!

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Examples of Hot Spots Depicted at DWH



DWH historically has a high incidence of Runway Incursions. Looking at the Airport Diagrams we see possible reasons. **There is not much distance on Taxiway Echo between the runways.**

For a pilot exiting 17R or 35L going to the East Ramp, it would be very easy to have a runway incursion if not cognizant of the hazard and ready because of you planning.

REMEMBER – AIRPORT GEOMETRY IS ONE OF THE HAZARDS CONTRIBUTING TO RUNWAY INCURSIONS AND PILOTS SHOULD LOOK FOR AND BE READY FOR THEM!

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Examples of Hot Spot Texts

Airport/Facility Directory (A/FD)

HOUSTON DAVID WAYNE HOOKS MEMORIAL (DWH)	HS 1	Rwy Incursion Risk-Ramp accessible to inadequately trained drivers; inadequate signage leaving ramp.
	HS 2	Rwy Incursion Risk-Complex twy intersection near Rwy 17L.
	HS 3	Rwy Incursion Risk-Previous Incursions occurring Twy E at Rwy 17R-35L.

Standard Instrument Approach Book

29 MAY 2014 to 26 JUNE 2014	HOUSTON, TX DAVID WAYNE HOOKS MEMORIAL (DWH)	HS 1	Ramp A and Twy C at Rwy 17R.	29 MAY 2014 to 26 JUNE 2014
		HS 2	Twy E, Twy D, Twy K at Rwy 17L.	
		HS 3	Twy E at Rwy 17R-35L.	
	HOUSTON, TX LONE STAR EXECUTIVE (CXO)	HS 1	Twy F west of Twy D.	
	HOUSTON, TX WILLIAM P. HOBBY (HOU)	HS 1	Twy D at Rwy 12L, Rwy 17, & Rwy 12R.	
		HS 2	Twy G at Rwy 12R.	
	HS 3	Twy K1 at Rwy 35 & Rwy 04.		

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Textual Examples of Hot Spots at DWH.

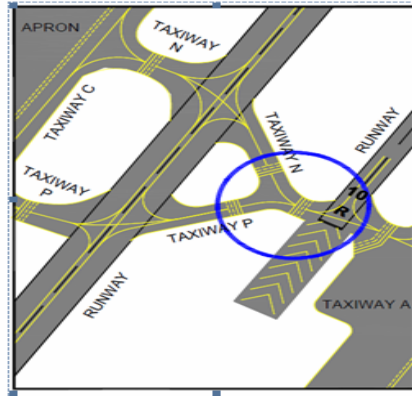
I THINK IT IS EASY TO SEE “A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.”

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Airport Geometry Element Examples

“Y” Shaped Taxiway Crossing a Runway



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At the airports you use are there areas of Airport Geometry that could cause you to make a mistake?

If this type pattern exists, use caution.

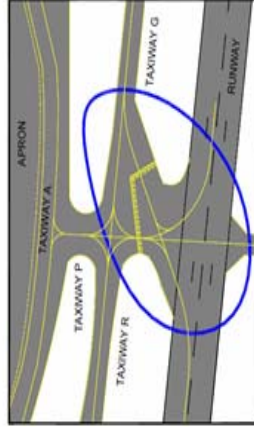
Always STAY ALERT when conducting ground operations!

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Airport Geometry Element Examples

Taxi Routes Crossing High Speed Exit



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Another example of a potentially confusing taxiway pattern. What will this look like from the cockpit of your aircraft?

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- **Caution!**
- **Make sure the taxi route the controller assigned is the one you planned.**

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Even after all the proper planning, CAUTION must be exercised when you actually start moving the aircraft.

There is a human error that is found in aviation called **EXPECTATION BIAS**.

MAKE SURE TO DISTINGUISH THE TAXI INSTRUCTIONS YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED WITH WHAT YOU'VE PLANNED!
FOLLOW THE TAXI ROUTE ASSIGNED! IT COULD BE DIFFERENT!

Always have the Airport Diagram in view for reference.

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Planning

- **We are all concerned with the high cost of flying and saving where we can.**
- **But. . . .**
- **If you use a GPS Navigator, completely program the system before initial aircraft movement to increase your chances of safe ground operations.**
- **Here is Why?**



Flying is expensive! We all want to reduce our costs as much as possible. Programming the GPS while taxiing may only provide us false economy.

Programming the GPS while taxiing is not only a poor piloting technique, studies have shown the risk is not worth the reward. Saving a few seconds does not equal the cost of a violation or aircraft damage!

Setting up the cockpit is part of setting the tone for the trip.

In a recent AOPA Course, they provided us with some numbers as examples.

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Planning False Economy

Time and Money Saved

(Cessna 182 @ \$150/Hobbs hour)

- Program GPS during taxi: 2 minutes (\$5)
- Perform run-up during taxi: 45 seconds (\$1.88)
- Perform pre-takeoff checklist during taxi: 1 minute (\$2.50)

Cost of Minor Ground Collision

(Cessna 182 and Cirrus SR20)

- Insurance deductible (renter): \$2500
- Repair costs (insurance company / policy holders): \$45,000
- Subrogation risk (renter): \$45,000 + legal fees
- Diminution in value (aircraft owner): ???
- Time spent waiting for repairs and dealing with insurance agents and lawyers: ???

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These statistics are from the AOPA Ground Safety Course.

Is the **Reward** worth the **RISK?**

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- **Only perform checklists away from other aircraft and runways.**
- **Have the Airport Diagram in view.**

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Perform checklists away from other aircraft and runways.

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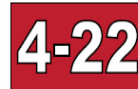
THERE IS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE THAT BOTH AIRLINE PILOTS
YOU MAY BE SHARING THE TAXIWAY WITH HAVE THE AIRPORT
DIAGRAM OUT AND IN VIEW!

**We fly with a chart in view. Why would we not have the Airport Diagram
available for quick reference?**

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Remember!

When Departing, Do Not Cross This Taxiway Marking or Pass This Sign Without A Clearance!



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When departing, do not cross this taxiway marking or pass this sign without a clearance.

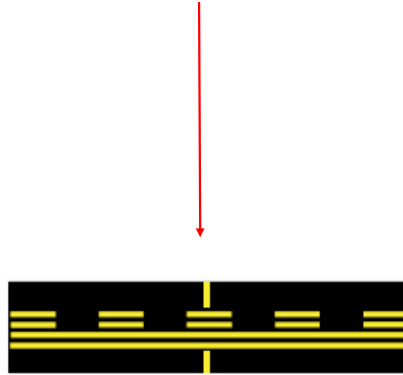
Also now you must receive a specific clearance to cross any runway.

If not sure, DO NOT CROSS!!!

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Remember!

When Arriving – Taxi Clear of This Taxiway Marking to Completely Clear the Runway!



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After landing taxi past this taxiway marking to completely clear the runway.

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Questions?

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We have covered some of the areas pilots should consider to properly plan ground operations and conduct incident free safe operations.

There are others!

You may have your own techniques that may be even better. Share them with your fellow pilots.

Most importantly, continue to study and always be alert when conducting ground operations.

Finally, do not be timid about asking for clarification or Progressive Taxi Instructions.

Here is a list of Runway Incursion Resources while I take questions (**Next Slide**)

Runway Safety Resources for Pilots

- **FAASTeam Runway Safety Training Program and Presenter Notes**
- **AC 91-73B – Single Pilot and Flight School Procedures During Taxi Operation**
- **AC 120-74B – Flight Crew Procedures During Taxi Operations**
- **FAA-H-8083 – 3A - Airplane Flying Handbook**
- **FAA-H-8083 – 25A Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge**
- **http://www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety/**

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Here are some runway safety resources for Pilots.

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