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General

Airports can generate a considerable amount of traffic, including passenger traffic and truck traffic servicing the airport facilities or delivering cargo. Most airports are located outside urban areas close to major provincial highway routes.

Airports usually serve large populations and attract people from distant rural and urban communities.

Motorists are directed to the airports with the use of airport guide signs.

Major Airports

Major airports include those airports serviced by commercial jet airlines. A JET symbol (IC-11) is used to indicate a major airport.

Smaller Airports

Smaller airports can be either private or publicly owned and may offer various aviation activities to the general public, including:

- chartered flights
- industrial or cargo flights
- recreational flights
- flying schools.

The Small Plane symbol (IC-12) is used to describe a smaller airport with no regularly scheduled commercial jet airline service.

Standard

Major Airport

A typical sign assembly for a major airport includes a JET symbol (IC-11), a name tab and a directional or a distance tab. The name tab indicates the airport name and it is usually placed above the JET symbol. The distance/direction tab is mounted below the JET symbol.



IC-11 IC-11A-T IC-11-T-D	900 mm x 900 mm 900 mm x 300 mm 900 mm x 300 mm	
Colour	Symbol and Border Background	White Green
Sheeting	ASTM, Type III or IV	

The symbol on the airport sign should always be oriented towards the route leading towards the airport.

The standard size of an airport sign is **600 mm x 600 mm**.

The airport sign is a guide sign (a sub-category of off-road services signs) and has white lettering on a green background. The size of the lettering in the airport name should be 80 to 150 mm and should be based on Series E or EM fonts. Longer names may use Series C or D font.

Signing for international and major airports served by a freeway or an expressway system is provided as part of the freeway guide signing. Normally an airport symbol (JET symbol) will be included on the face of a guide directional sign and oriented towards a route leading towards this airport.

Airport signs must only show the airport name, the appropriate symbol and directional/distance tabs. No airline or charter information will be displayed on the sign face.

Smaller Airport Sign

A typical sign assembly for a smaller airport includes the Smaller Plane symbol (IC-12) and may also include the name tab and distance/direction tab. An airport name bearing the name of the airport is provided above the airport symbol.

In most instances, a smaller airport does not have a distinct name and is associated with a nearby community in which case a name tab would not normally be needed.

The lettering in the airport name tab should be 80 to 150 mm in size. Series E or EM fonts are the standard but longer names may

utilize Series C or D fonts.

The standard size for a Smaller Airport sign is **600 mm x 600 mm**.



IC-12 IC-12A-T IC-11-T-D	600 mm x 600 mm 900 mm x 300 mm 900 mm x 300 mm	
Colour	Symbol and Border Background	White Green
Sheeting	ASTM, Type III or IV	

Guidelines for Use

In general, all major airports in the province serviced by commercial jet airlines should be signed with Major Airport signs. All smaller airports providing services to the general public in the province should be signed with Smaller Airport signs.

No airport signing will be provided for private airports serving private clubs or private organizations.

Major Airport

The jet symbol is used to indicate an airport that has regularly scheduled passenger flights and is serviced by one or more major commercial jet airlines.

The use of the jet symbol in Alberta has been expanded to include any airport that is serviced by a major commercial jet airline, even though jets are not landing and departing at that airport.

Currently, the major regularly scheduled passenger flight service airlines in the province are: Air Canada, Central Mountain Air, Peace Air and WestJet, which have passenger service to the following airports:

- Calgary
- Edmonton
- Fort McMurray
- Grande Prairie
- High Level
- Lethbridge
- Lloydminster
- Medicine Hat
- Peace River
- Rainbow Lake

Accordingly, all major provincial and international airports located in the cities listed above are eligible for the Major Airport signs (IC-11, JET symbol).

Smaller Airports

In order to be eligible for the Small Airport signs (IC-12, Small Plane symbol), an airport

must meet all of the following conditions:

- be registered as an airdrome or an airport with Transport Canada
- be included under a listing of *Canada Flight Supplement* published by Transport Canada
- be open to the general public
- be accessible from a provincial highway (all local roadways connecting the airport to a provincial highway must be in good conditions)
- have one of the following aviation activities:
 - scheduled or chartered flights
 - cargo flights
 - recreational flights open to a public
 - flying schools open to a public.

Application Process for an Airport Sign

An airport authority/owner that would like to obtain an approval for the placement of airport guide signs must submit an application to one of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's district offices.

For more information, contact the nearest Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation district office listed on the following webpage:

http://www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/INFTRA_Content/docType329/Production/distaddress.pdf

After reviewing and accepting the application, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation may issue a Letter of Approval, which would stipulate the conditions for placement of airport guide signs within the right-of-way.

Guidelines for Placement

A directional sign for a major or a smaller

airport is placed 300 to 350 metres in advance of the access road to the airport site. Signing is provided for both directions of travel.

A City or Town may provide supplementary trailblazer airport signs leading from a business core or a downtown area to the provincial highway leading to that airport.

Installation and Maintenance

Major airports are considered to be an extension of our provincial transportation network; therefore, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will be responsible for installing and maintaining guide signage to major airports in the province.

Signing for a major or an international airport within a city (from a business core or a downtown area to the provincial highway) is the responsibility of the city served by this airport.

The manager/owner of the smaller airport is responsible for all costs associated with placing smaller airport signs on a highway.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will be responsible for managing all activities associated with fabricating, supplying, installing and maintaining the signs along the highway.

References to Standards

Highway Guide and Information Sign Manual, A4.6.3.2	Airport Signs
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