

# ATIS

ATIS stands for **A**utomatic **T**erminal **I**nformation **S**ervice and provides pilots with up-to-date information about the airport. The ATIS can be listened to via the respective frequency or retrieved in text form (e.g. via datalink), this also works on Vatsim.

In addition to the METAR, information on the current runways, approaches (e.g. ILS, RNP) and the transition level (TRL) and possibly other information is distributed in the ATIS. It is therefore important to keep the ATIS up to date at all times.

Each ATIS has a code letter (A to Z) which can be used to check if the report is up to date. With each new report, the code letter counts up alphabetically. This allows the pilot and controller to check whether they have the same report. Due to the METAR, which is reissued every 30 minutes, the ATIS is also automatically updated at least every 30 minutes. If the runway direction or other information changes, the ATIS is also updated.

The pilot must listen to the ATIS before startup and before approach to the airport. The current code letter must be communicated to Approach Control for approaches and to Delivery for departures.

At German airports, the departure frequency is usually indicated on VATSIM in the ATIS if the pilot has to switch to it automatically after take-off. Exceptions to this are Frankfurt, Munich, Leipzig and Berlin, where the handoff is performed manually by the tower controller.

“ HAMBURG INFORMATION P MET REPORT TIME 1920 EXPECT ILS APPROACH  
RUNWAY 23 RUNWAYS IN USE 23 FOR LANDING 33 FOR TAKE OFF TRL 70 WHEN  
PASSING 2000 FEET CONTACT BREMEN RADAR ON FREQUENCY 119.510 WIND  
310 DEGREES 6 KNOTS VISIBILITY 10 KILOMETERS LIGHT RAIN CLOUDS FEW  
3600 FEET SCATTERED 4900 FEET TEMPERATURE 12 DEW POINT 10 QNH 1011  
TREND NOSIG INFORMATION P OUT

## ATIS Setup Euroscope

Controllers must create their ATIS directly in Euroscope. ATIS reports are already predefined by the FIRs in the starter packages. Additional codes for further, possibly airport-specific information, which can be published in the ATIS, are available under the following links:

[ATIS FIR Bremen](#)

[ATIS FIR Langen](#)

[ATIS FIR München](#)

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