

# Tower

Büchel Tower is responsible for all movements at the airport and within the CTR as well as all enroute and startup clearances.

## General

### Enroute clearances

All enroute clearances must be **coordinated with Büchel Radar**. The clearance will be given by Büchel Radar to be **relayed to the pilot** by Büchel Tower. Usually, pilots are first given their startup and taxi clearance and the enroute clearance is coordinated while the aircraft is on its way to the runway to be **given at the holding point shortly before departure**. If Büchel Radar is offline, the enroute clearance has to be coordinated with the appropriate civilian radar controller.

Further information on clearances to be given can be found in the [ETSB Approach SOP](#).

### Approaches to Spangdahlem (ETAD)

Traffic approaching runway 22 at Spangdahlem Airbase will cross through the Southwestern corner of the Büchel CTR. These crossings are **automatically released** and Büchel Tower shall ensure separation to these aircraft and, if necessary, inform Spangdahlem GCA of any conflicting traffic.

## IFR traffic

### Departures

A **departure release for all IFR departures** shall be obtained from Büchel Radar.

Departures shall be handed off to Büchel Radar as soon as possible.

### Arrivals

For IFR arrivals on a PAR approach, a landing clearance shall be relayed to Büchel Radar.

## VFR traffic

### Break direction

Overhead breaks shall only take place toward the East.

## Circuit

Circuit operations shall primarily take place toward the East. Jet circuits are not permitted toward the West.

## Reporting points

There are seven reporting points around the Büchel CTR, all of which are mandatory reporting points.

Reporting point	Location	Remark
<b>November</b>	radio mast Hochkelberg	--
<b>Entry North</b>	radio mast Hellersberg	for military traffic during 21 operations only
<b>Entry East</b>	rest stop Elztal	for military traffic during 21 operations only
<b>Entry South</b>	bridge Hochmoselbrücke	for military traffic during 03 operations only
<b>Entry West</b>	Holzmaar lake	for military traffic during 03 operations only
<b>Initial 03</b>	solar farm West of Hontheim	for military traffic during 03 operations only
<b>Initial 21</b>	town of Masburg	for military traffic during 21 operations only

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