## What is ADS-B?

#### Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B)

#### Automatic

- Messages are sent out periodically without interrogation (unlike transponder)
- **D**ependent
  - Position and velocity derived from the Global Positioning System (GPS)
- Surveillance-
  - Primary purpose is for ATC to know where aircraft are
- **B**roadcast

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 Messages are broadcast to everyone not just sent to specific receivers





## Why is ADS-B Technology being deployed?



## What's in it for the FAA?

- Air Traffic Control transforming from ground-based to satellite-based system
- Cornerstone of FAA's Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) to increase accuracy
- ADS-B increases safety and efficiency of National Airspace System
- ADS-B designed to create better aircraft visibility at lower overall cost to the FAA

### What's in it for you?

- Increased safety
- Enhanced ATC services Faster update rates and position updates between radar sweeps
  - Allow more efficient controller vectors
  - Earlier "radar contact" due to lower level ADS-B coverage
- Improved last-position data for Search & Rescue (SAR)
- Free Weather



## What are all these Acronymns associated with ADS-B?

#### **ADS-B Acronyms:**

- ADS-B ("A, D, S, B ") (In & Out)
  - Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast
- ADS-R ("A, D, S, R")
  - Automatic Dependent Surveillance Rebroadcast
- TIS-B ("Tizz B")
  - Traffic Information Service Advisory Broadcast (Not Mode-S TIS)
- FIS-B ("Fizz B")
  - Fight Information Service Broadcast (Free Weather)
- **CDTI** ("C, D, T, I")
  - Cockpit Display of Traffic Information (MFD)
- 1090ES ("Ten-Ninety Eee Ess")
  - Extended Squitter Mode S Transponder (1090MHz ADS-B Datalink)
- UAT ("U.A.T.")

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• Universal Access Transceiver (978MHz ADS-B datalink)





## What is the difference between ADS-B IN & ADS-B OUT?

- ADS-B OUT The ability to transmit information from the aircraft to ground stations and to other equipped aircraft. (Required to meet mandate)
- ADS-B IN The ability of the aircraft to receive information from other transmitting aircraft and the ground infrastructure. (Not Required but most beneficial to pilots)

ADS-B In



**ADS-B** Out

## What is the difference between ADS-B IN & ADS-B OUT?

#### Dual Links – 1090MHz & 978MHz (UAT):

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- Three main reasons for dual links:
  - 1. Frequency congestion on 1090 MHz (assumed 3x fleet growth from 2000 to 2025, problems with even 2x fleet growth)
  - 2. UAT avionics believe to be cheaper for GA (If 1090ES coupled with transponder, maybe, but UAT requires separate control head)
  - 3. UAT provided free weather to GA (before widespread XM/Sirius datalink weather)
- 1090ES
  - 1090 MHz Extended Squitter (same frequency as transponder replies)
  - Mode-S transponder that sends out additional ADS-B information periodically in addition to replying to SSR and TCAS interrogations
  - International standard
- 978/UAT Universal Access Transceiver (UAT)
  - 978 MHz less crowded frequency since not used by SSR and TCAS
  - Synchronized CDMA Code Division Multiple Access so requires precise (GPS) timing device
  - Additional bandwidth for additional datalink data (e.g. FIS-B)
  - Can share antenna with Mode-C transponder through coupler
  - Not used in any other countries except US



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Ground Radars Transmit on 1030MHz





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> **Airborne Transponders Receive the 1030MHz** interrogations & Reply (Transmit) on 1090MHz



**Ground Radars** 

**Existing SSR** 

Transmit on 1030MHz & Receive on 1090MHz



TCAS & TAS systems allow aircraft to interrogate the transponders of nearby aircraft for on-board Traffic Awareness & Collision Avoidance



Just like Ground Radar, Airborne TCAS & TAS systems interrogate (Transmit) on 1030MHz & receive Transponder replies on 1090MHz.





Ground Radars Transmit on 1030MHz & Receive on 1090MHz





Traffic Information Service (TIS) is a transmission of all traffic from a Terminal Radar Site out to those aircraft with a TIS-capable Mode S Transponder. TIS is being phased out.







The legacy TIS Traffic signal is transmitted on 1030MHz. TIS is already being phased out in many areas in lieu of ADS-B.





**Existing SSR** 

Ground Radars Transmit on 1030MHz & Receive on 1090MHz



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With ADS-B, each aircraft automatically transmits its unique aircraft I.D. and position information [Lat/Lon, Altitude, Velocity, etc] to ATC (ADS-B OUT)

Non-ADS-B aircraft are identified using existing Secondary Surveillance Radar. (i.e. Transponder is still required)

Non-Equipped (Mode A/C)

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Existing SSR FIS

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ADS-B Out allows ATC to identify and separate all participating aircraft with greater precision. ADS-B does not require interrogation signal from ground station.

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Aircraft with ADS-B IN will be able to receive the ADS-B OUT signals of nearby aircraft

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However, in the U.S., the ADS-B OUT mandate can be met using 1090MHz Extended Squitter at all altitudes, or via 978MHz Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) below 18,000ft.

1090MHZ ES

18,000ft. **1090MHZ ES 978MHZ UAT** 1090 978 **Non-Equipped** (Mode A/C) Radio Radio Control **Existing SSR** FAA Station FIS Provider AVI

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This is where ADS-B becomes more complicated. The use of two different frequencies (1090MHz or 978MHz) restricts communication between aircraft on one frequency to the other.

1090MHZ

18,000ft.



1090MHZ

The 1090MHz-equipped airplane with ADS-B IN can see other 1090MHz-equipped aircraft but cannot see the 978MHz-equipped aircraft or the non-ADS-B aircraft.



978MHZ

**ADS-R** solves this communication issue by Rebroadcasting the info from each frequency onto the other frequency. 1090MHZ 1090MHZ 18,000ft. 1090MHZ ADS-R is the 978MHZ transmission of 978MHZ traffic on the 1090MHz frequency. 1090 978 Non-Equipped (Mode A/C) Radio Radio Control **Existing SSR** FAA Station FIS Provider 15

ADS-R solves this communication issue by Rebroadcasting the traffic info from each frequency onto the other frequency.





TIS-B solves the problem of displaying aircraft with no ADS-B (neither 1090 or 978) by broadcasting non-ADS-B traffic to ADS-B equipped aircraft over both frequencies.





Aircraft equipped with an Active Traffic system (TAS/TCAS) will see all transponder aircraft, regardless of whether they are 1090Mhz, 978MHz, or non-ADS-B.





# FIS-B provides "Free Weather" to 978MHz UAT-equipped aircraft.





FIS-B is not available via the 1090MHz channel.

FIS-B is a ground based service, which may have line of site limitations.

FIS-B Wx products have range and resolution restrictions not found with current satellitebased systems.

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