

Parking Chart showing standard symbols and features

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Extracts from Edinburgh Ground Movement/Parking chart I suggest obtaining the chart to put this extract into context. Full chart available free from <http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/public/index.php.html>

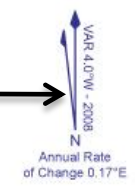
Reading a parking chart may seem obvious BUT one of the biggest complaints about pilots on Vatsim is "not knowing where they're going on the ground". I've added some tips to this page to help.

Use the compass symbol to orientate the chart and yourself relative to taxiways, runway headings, buildings. AND the direction your cockpit is facing. If the controller tells you "push back, face west" then you will know which way is "west".

Useful Tips

Once you have established where you are on the chart, check the ATIS for runway in use and then try to determine what your taxi instructions *might* be.

Listen to the taxi instructions given to other aircraft, try and trace their instructions on your chart (you can watch them taxi from an overhead view and compare it to the chart)



Look at an "overhead view" in FS to see if your scenery has the same taxiway layout as the chart. Make a note on the chart of any differences.

Runway orientation. Use the compass label and overhead views to ensure you know where you are in relation to runway headings & thresholds

A thicker yellow line for a holding point *normally* indicates the last hold before a runway (there are exceptions to this) but **NEVER** pass this last hold unless cleared to enter the runway, line up or cleared to take-off.

Holding Points. The names of the holds will almost always match the name of the taxiway.

All taxiways have clear labels, don't assume that your scenery will have markings that agree with the chart! Some may be different, note these on the chart

Take note of any Apron Names, on landing you may be told "taxi to the South East Apron via....". Check which stands are on which Apron.

Stand numbering. Take note of where the "T" at the end of line is, it shows which way you should be facing. **It is not always towards the terminal!** Some airports (like London City) you turn and face AWAY from the terminal building.

***Ref the last Hold before the runway, when landing you have not "vacated" the runway until you are past this line. Not a lot of people know that (including some Vatsim controllers!) In very poor visibility they may instruct you to call vacated when past a further point but usually it's the first one after leaving the runway.**

