

Squawking incorrectly really winds up ATC but the rules and methods are incredibly simple and rather important!

“How to” Squawk, Part I

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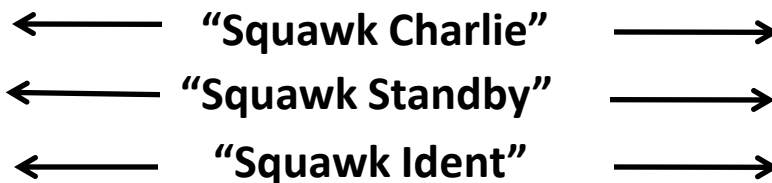
- The Vatsim Rules - unless told otherwise by ATC:**
1. On the ground and clear of the runway, squawk STANDBY
 2. Entering the runway and in the air squawk CHARLIE (‘Normal’ in Squawkbox)
 3. If ATC tell you to ‘Squawk Ident’ then, strangely, squawk IDENT (see below)
 4. On landing, after vacating the runway, squawk STANDBY

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The pilot clients have buttons to change the squawk mode

Squawkbox



FSInn. One click in the C /S box toggles C or S. Double-click on C does “Ident”, it goes back to C after a few seconds

What is IDENT and why is it important?
When ATC ask you to “squawk ident” it’s to highlight your blip from everyone else’s. If they can’t identify you then they could feasibly vector the wrong blip!

Notes:
“Ident” only works properly if you’re already on “Charlie”
Only use “Ident” if ATC ask you to
Remember to put the correct code into the Transponder (see Part II)

Don’t rely on your aircraft’s transponder panel to change squawk mode unless 100% sure it works on the radar, they don’t all! Using the buttons in the pilot client always works.



Simples!