



Acronyms for drone pilots

14 CFR	Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations
AC	Advisory Circular
ACS	Airman Certification Standards
ADS-B	Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast
ADM	Aeronautical Decision Making
AGL	Above Ground Level
AIRMETS	Airman's Meteorological Information
ASOS	Automatic Surface Observing System
ASRS	Aviation Safety Reporting System
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATCT	Air Traffic Control Tower
ATIS	Automatic Terminal Information System
AWC	Aviation Weather Center
AWOS	Automatic Weather Observing System
BVLOS	Beyond Visual Line of Sight
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CBO	Community Based Organization
CG	Center of Gravity
COA	Certificate of Authorization
COW	Certificate of Waiver
CRM	Crew Resource Management
CTAF	Common Traffic Advisory Frequency
DOC	Declaration of Compliance
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference
ESC	Electronic Speed Controller
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FPV	First Person View
FRIA	FAA-Recognized Remote ID Area
FSDO	Flight Standards District Office
FSS	Flight Service Station
GPS	Global Positioning System
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules
IMC	Instrument Meteorological Conditions
LAANC	Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability
LLWS	Low Level Wind Shear
MEF	Maximum Elevation Figure

METAR	Meteorological Aerodrome Reports
MOA	Military Operations Area
MOC	Means of Compliance
NAS	National Airspace System
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NAVAID	Navigation Aid
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen OR Notice to Air Missions
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NWS	National Weather Service
OOP	Operations Over People
PIC	Pilot In Command
RID	Remote Identification
RM	Risk Management
RPA	Remotely Piloted Aircraft
RPAS	Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems
RPIC	Remote Pilot in Command
SA	Situational Awareness
SATR	Air Traffic Rules
SBT	Scenario-based Training
SFRA	Special Flight Rules Area
SIGMETS	Significant Meteorological Hazards
SRM	Single-Pilot Resource Management
UA	Unmanned Aircraft
sUAS	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
sUA	Small Unmanned Aircraft
UNICOM	Universal Communications frequency
TAF	Terminal Aerodrome Forecast
TFR	Temporary Flight Restrictions
TRUST	The Recreational UAS Safety Test
VFR	Visual Flight Rules
VMC	Visual Meteorological Conditions
VLOS	Visual Line of Sight
VO	Visual Observer
VORTAC	VHF Omni-directional Range/Tactical Air Navigation

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