**Midland International Airport**

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| **Midland/Odessa International Airport** | | | |
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| [**IATA**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Air_Transport_Association_airport_code)**: MAF –** [**ICAO**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Civil_Aviation_Organization_airport_code)**: KMAF –** [**FAA**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Aviation_Administration)[**LID**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Location_identifier#FAA_identifier)**: MAF** | | | |
| **Summary** | | | |
| **Airport type** | | Public | |
| **Operator** | | City of Midland | |
| **Location** | | [Midland County](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midland_County,_Texas), between [Midland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midland,_Texas) and [Odessa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odessa,_Texas), [Texas, USA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas) | |
| **Elevation**[**AMSL**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Above_mean_sea_level) | | 2,871 ft / 875 m | |
| [**Coordinates**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system) | | [31°56′33″N 102°12′07″W﻿ / ﻿31.9425°N 102.20194°W﻿ / 31.9425; -102.20194](http://toolserver.org/~geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Midland_International_Airport&params=31_56_33_N_102_12_07_W_region:US_type:airport) | |
| **Website** | | [www.FlyMAF.com](http://www.flymaf.com/) | |
| [**Runways**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runway) | | | |
| [**Direction**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runway#Orientation_and_dimensions) | **Length** | | **Surface** |
| **ft** | **m** |
| 4/22 | 4,605 | 1,404 | Asphalt |
| 10/28 | 8,302 | 2,530 | Asphalt |
| 16L/34R | 4,339 | 1,323 | Asphalt |
| 16R/34L | 9,501 | 2,896 | Asphalt |
| **Statistics (2007)** | | | |
| **Aircraft operations** | | | 86,384 |
| **Based aircraft** | | | 78 |
| Sources: airport website and [FAA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Aviation_Administration) | | | |



Midland IAP

Location of Midland International Airport, Texas

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Midland International Airport is the 9th busiest airport in Texas. Since 1991 it has been the headquarters of the [Commemorative Air Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commemorative_Air_Force)(CAF) and the [American Airpower Heritage Museum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Airpower_Heritage_Museum). The CAF hosts an annual airshow every fall. The airport has four airlines, three of which serve hubs with regional jets, and one that offers mainline jet service to various destinations. [Southwest Airlines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southwest_Airlines) is the largest carrier at the airport. In 2007 491,834 passengers were enplaned, up 4% from 2006.

**History**

Midland-Odessa Regional Airport (MAF) opened its new passenger terminal in the early 1960s. At the time, MAF was served by Continental and Trans-Texas, both of whom operated popular point-to-point services linking West Texas towns.

The terminal was identified by its scalloped roofline, which allowed a column-free interior. All services - ticketing, baggage claim and concessions, were located inside the building, and a single departure lounge opened up onto the apron. Continental and Trans-Texas both introduced DC9 jet flights in the late 1960s.

This layout served the airport well until the late 1970s 'oil boom' hit Midland-Odessa. Rapid economic growth in the two cities led to a dramatic increase in flights, by both the incumbent airlines and new-entrant carriers like Southwest Airlines. After airline deregulation in 1978, American and Delta began flights, followed by start-up America West a few years later.

To cope with the rising demand, a new gate area was constructed along the apron. Included in the plan were four second-level gates equipped with jet bridges, concession space, and escalator wells linking the addition to the existing terminal. The south end of the main terminal was extended to include more ticketing space, and the original terminal was modernized (the scalloped roofline was removed).

By the 1990s, several of the new-entrant carriers had pulled out and most of the remaining airlines had downgraded to regional jets. Only Southwest, the airport's largest carrier, operated mainline jet flights.

The terminal building, however, had begun to look tired, and airport officials began planning for a more modern replacement. Construction began on the facility (which would be located in the infield parking lot) in 1996. The first half of the new terminal was opened in early 1999, at which point the 1966 terminal was closed and demolished. The second half of the new terminal was finished in late 1999.

Until the [September 11th attacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11th_attacks), everyone was allowed access to the second floor; since then, however, only passengers are allowed past the security checkpoints.

In 2008, Southwest Airlines dropped all direct flight to El Paso, due to decreased passenger counts to that city. An afternoon flight to Austin has also been dropped even though negotiations are underway to keep that flight.

**Facilities and aircraft**

Midland International Airport covers an area of 1,600 [acres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acre) (647 [ha](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hectare)) at an [elevation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elevation) of 2,871 feet (875 m) above [mean sea level](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mean_sea_level). It has four [runways](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runway):

* Runway 4/22 measuring: 4,605 x 75 ft (1,404 x 23 m), Surface: Asphalt
* Runway 10/28: 8,302 x 150 ft (2,530 x 46 m), Surface: Asphalt
* Runway 16L/34R: 4,339 x 100 ft (1,323 x 30 m), Surface: Asphalt
* Runway 16R/34L: 9,501 x 150 ft (2,896 x 46 m), Surface: Asphalt

For the 12-month period ending February 29, 2008, the airport had 86,384 aircraft operations, an average of 237 per day: 39% [military](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_aviation), 34% [general aviation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_aviation), 16% [air taxi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_taxi) and 11% [scheduled commercial](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airline). At that time there were 78 aircraft based at this airport: 39% single-[engine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aircraft_engine), 47% multi-engine , 12% [jet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jet_aircraft) and 2% [helicopter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helicopter).

**Airlines and destinations**

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| **Airlines** | **Destinations** |
| [American Eagle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Eagle_Airlines) | Dallas/Fort Worth |
| [Continental Express](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continental_Express) operated by [ExpressJet Airlines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ExpressJet_Airlines) | Houston-Intercontinental |
| [Southwest Airlines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southwest_Airlines) | Albuquerque, Dallas-Love, Houston-Hobby, Las Vegas |
| [United Express](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Express) operated by [SkyWest Airlines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SkyWest_Airlines) | Denver |

**See also**

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|  | [***United States Air Force portal***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:United_States_Air_Force) |
|  | [***Military of the United States portal***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Military_of_the_United_States) |
|  | [***World War II portal***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:World_War_II) |

* [Texas World War II Army Airfields](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_World_War_II_Army_Airfields)
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