

Kirtland Flight Center

Weather Information

Cloud Cover:

SKC/or CLR = None (CLR=Automated Wx Station/SKC Some there to see Wx)

FEW = >0 – 2/8 Coverage.

SCT = 3/8 – 4/8 Coverage

BKN = 5/8 – 7/8 Coverage

OVC = 8/8 Coverage

VV = Indefinite Ceiling (vertical visibility)

Nine types of weather in METAR:

RA	Rain	RAin
DZ	Drizzle	DriZzle
SN	Snow	SNow
PE	Ice Pellets	Ice PE llets
SG	Snow Grains	S now G rain
IC	Ice Crystals	Ice C rystals
UP	Unknow Precip	U nknown P recip
GR	Hail > ¼"	G ranite R ain
GS	Small Hail Snow Pellets	G ranite S mall

Eight Types of Obscuration

FG	Fog	FoG
BR	Mist	B aby R ain
FU	Smoke	FU mes
HZ	Haze	HaZe
PY	Spray	sPraY
SA	Sand	S And
DU	Dust	DU st
VA	Volcanic Ash	Volcanic Ash

Miscellaneous WX

SQ	Squal	SQ ual
FC	Funnel Cloud	F unnel C loud
+FC	Tornado	Big Funnel Cloud
DS	Dust Storm	Dust Storm
SS	Sand Storm	Sand Storm
PO	Dust Devil	Polish Off
TS	Thunder Storm	Thunder Storm
SH	Showers	SH owers
FZ	Freezing	FreeZ ing
BL	Blowing	BL owing
DR	Low Drifting	DR ifting
WS	Wind Shear	W ind S hear

Types of Fog

MI	Shallow	M inimal
PR	Partial	PaR tial
BC	Patches	B its and C hunks

4SM-RASNDZ = 4 Statute Miles light rain, snow and drizzle

#SM -TSRA 3 Statute Miles Thunderstorm and light rain (no such thing as a light thunderstorm so minus sign in this instance is attached to the RA).