



# INTERNATIONAL ALPHABET

## 1. Introduction

International Alphabet is the common name for the **alphabet spelling convention** defined by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

ICAO has assigned a word to each of the alphabet letters in order to understand each letter well and avoid confusion using them in radio communication.

These words have been chosen to be understandable by any person in the world and non-dependent from one language.

This type of letter coding has been created during the second world war by the American army (with an initial spelling which has disappeared now).

These codes are mainly used in **voice radio communication**.

There is few application of using this alphabet in text mode: for example the ATIS information letter, some VFR points ...

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## 2. Table

The table below presents the letter code used in the international alphabet with its English pronunciation. We add also in this table, the Morse code in order to help you decode the radio navigation beacons.

Character	Morse Code	Letter Code	Pronunciation
A	• –	Alfa	AL-FAH
B	– •••	Bravo	BRAH-VOH
C	– • – •	Charlie	CHAR-LEE
D	– ••	Delta	DELL-TAH
E	•	Echo	ECK-OH
F	•• – •	Foxtrot	FOKS-TROT
G	– – •	Golf	GOLF
H	••••	Hotel	HO-TELL
I	••	India	IN-DEE-AH
J	• – – –	Juliet	JEW-LEE-ETT
K	– • –	Kilo	KEY-LOH
L	• – ••	Lima	LEE-MAH
M	– –	Mike	MIKE
N	– •	November	NO-VEM-BER
O	– – –	Oscar	OSS-CAH
P	• – – •	Papa	PAH-PAH
Q	– – • –	Quebec	KEH-BECK
R	• – •	Romeo	ROW-ME-OH
S	•••	Sierra	SEE-AIR-RAH
T	–	Tango	TANG-GO
U	•• –	Uniform	YOU-NE-FORM
V	••• –	Victor	VIK-TAH
W	• – –	Whiskey	WISS-KEY
X	– •• –	X-ray	ECKS-RAY
Y	– • – –	Yankee	YANG-KEY
Z	– – ••	Zulu	ZOO-LOO