Pilot’s Guide to Airport Signs and Markings

Airport Signs

- **TWY/RWY HOLDING POSITION:** Hold short of intersecting runway
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- **RWY APCH HOLD POSITION:** Hold short of protected area when instructed by ATC
- **ILS HOLD POSITION:** Hold short of ILS critical area when instructed by ATC
- **NO ENTRY:** Identifies paved areas where aircraft entry is prohibited
- **TAXIWAY LOCATION:** Identifies taxiway on which aircraft is located
- **RUNWAY LOCATION:** Identifies runway on which aircraft is located
- **RUNWAY DISTANCE REMAINING:** Identifies runway length remaining

**Line Up and Wait** has replaced “Taxi Into Position and Hold”.
The new language permits entry onto the runway to await further instructions, but is not a take-off clearance.

If ever in doubt about a clearance or taxi instruction, do not hesitate to **ASK FOR HELP!**

ATCT Light Gun Signals

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[www.faa.gov/go/runwaysafety](http://www.faa.gov/go/runwaysafety)
HOLDING POSITION:
Hold short of intersecting rwy; also a land-and-hold-short marking

MOVEMENT AREA BOUNDARY:
Defines boundary of movement area and non-movement area

TAXIWAY/TAXIWAY HOLDING POSITION:
Hold short of intersecting taxiway when directed by ATC

SOLID TAXIWAY EDGE:
Defines edge of usable, full-strength taxiway pavement; adjoining pavement NOT usable

DASHED TAXIWAY EDGE:
Defines edge of taxiway where adjoining pavement or apron IS available for taxi

SURFACE PAINTED HOLDING POSITION:
Designates runway ahead in conjunction with yellow holding position marking

SURFACE PAINTED TAXIWAY DIRECTION:
Direction & designation of intersecting twy

SURFACE PAINTED TAXIWAY LOCATION:
Identifies twy on which aircraft is located