

United States METAR Decoding: Obscure & Numeric Codes

Pressures	
A2995	Altimeter setting = 29.95 inches of mercury
SLP108	Sea level pressure = 1010.8 mb (see note below)
SLP992	Sea level pressure = 999.2 mb (add a 9 or 10 & decimal point—bring it as close to 1013.2 mb as possible)
51005	5-prefix group shows pressure tendencies and how much pressure changed over the past 3 hours (see code table below) = pressure increased and was then steady, with total increase of 0.5 mb the past 3 hours

Trend	Code
Increasing then decreasing	0
Increasing, then steady, or increasing then increasing more slowly	1
Increasing steadily or unsteadily	2
Decreasing or steady, then increasing, or increasing then faster rise	3
Steady	4
Decreasing then increasing	5
Decreasing, then steady, or decreasing then decreasing more slowly	6
Decreasing steadily or unsteadily	7
Steady or increasing, then decreasing; or decreasing more slowly	8

Temperatures	
03/M01	Temperature 3 degrees C, Dewpoint -1 degrees C (note M prefix)
T00281011	Temperature 2.8 degrees C, Dewpoint -1.1 degrees C (note 1 prefix)  Shown hourly after RMK—just add a decimal between the last two digits of each 4 digit group. If it is negative, the first number in the 4 digit group will be 1.

Other Remarks (After RMK)	
P0015	Hourly liquid precipitation (in hundredths of an inch) = 0.15 inches of rain fell that hour
4/004	Four inches of snow on the ground (4/nnn where nnn = inches)
60046	3 or 6-hour liquid precipitation (hundredths of an inch) = 0.46 inches of rain fell in the previous 3 or 6-hour period (6 hour total shown at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC; 3 hour total shown at 03, 09, 15, and 21 UTC)
60000	3 or 6-hour liquid precipitation (hundredths of an inch) = trace of rain fell in the previous 3 or 6-hour period (time as shown above)
SNINCR 2/9	“snow increasing rapidly” then snow that fell that hour (inches)/snow on the ground (inches) = 2 inches fell that hour and 9 inches on ground (shown if snow increases by 1 inch or more in the past hour)
70081	24-hour liquid precipitation (hundredths of an inch) = 0.81 inches of rain fell in the previous 24-hour period (shown at 12 UTC observation)
10128	Highest temperature (in tenths of degrees C) in the previous 6 hour period = 12.8 degrees C (shown at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC)
11046	Highest temperature (in tenths of degrees C) in the previous 6 hour period = -4.6 degrees C (shown at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC) - note the 1 just after the first 1 means it is negative
20100	Lowest temperature (in tenths of degrees C) in the previous 6 hour period = 10.0 degrees C (shown at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC)
21112	Lowest temperature (in tenths of degrees C) in the previous 6 hour period = -11.2 degrees C (shown at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC) - note the 1 just after the first 1 means it is negative
402560122	Recorded high & low temperature in past 24 hours = max temp 25.6 degrees C, min temp 12.2 degrees C (shown @ midnight local time)

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