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Fly Quiet Program:

The Fly Quiet Program was developed to help pilots understand the rules and regulations for noise abatement at SFO and to show the public how well airline's participate in the noise abatement programs. The purpose of the Program is to encourage individual airlines to operate as quietly as possible at SFO. The Program promotes a participatory approach in complying with noise abatement procedures by grading airlines' performance and presenting these scores to the public via a published report. The Program consists of five grading elements:

1) The overall noise quality of each airline's fleet operating at SFO.
2) A measure of how well each airline complies with the nighttime Preferential Runway Use Program.
3) Assessment of how well each airline adheres to the Gap departure profile.
4) Assessment of how well each airline adheres to the Shoreline departure profile.
5) Evaluation of single overflight noise level exceedances.

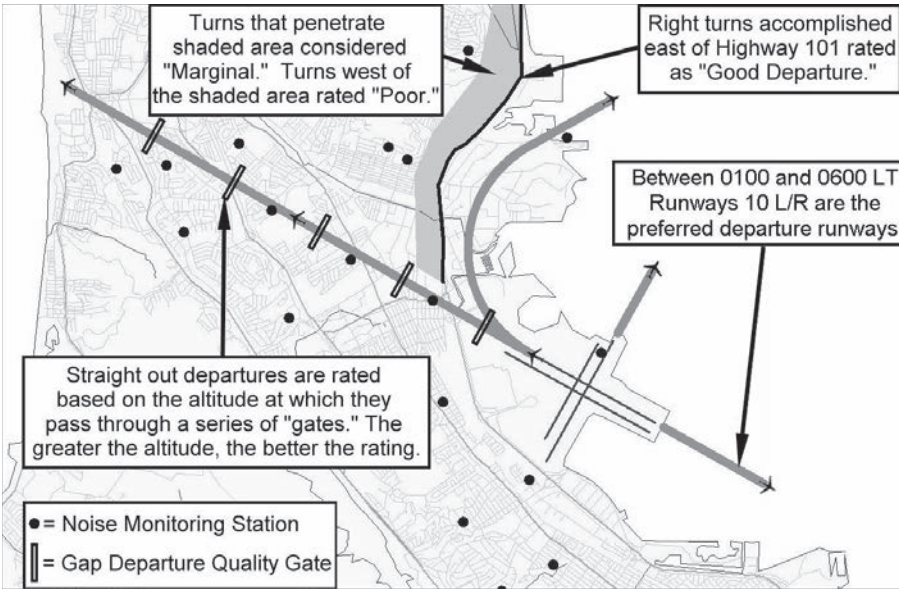
Flight Crews: By operating your aircraft as quietly as possible, you can directly influence your airline's Fly Quiet Program score. Here are some guidelines for maintaining a high score in the Fly Quiet Program:

(a) Preferential Runway Use Program—Between 0100 and 0600 (LT) the preferred departure runways for noise abatement are Runways 10 L/R. Pilots of heavy aircraft can significantly improve their airline's Fly Quiet Program scores by departing on Runways 10 L/R (weather permitting).

(b) Shoreline Departure Turn Quality—The radius of the initial turn after departure off Runways 28 L/R is a grading element of the Fly Quiet Program. Runway 28 L/R departures making excessively wide right turns overfly residential neighborhoods. By completing the initial right turn prior to crossing Highway 101, aircraft remain over industrial and commercial areas. **This applies to all Instrument Departure Procedures (IDPs) requiring right turns after departing Runways 28 L/R.**

(c) Gap Departure Climb Quality—Aircraft making straight out departures off Runways 28 L/R overfly heavily populated areas immediately west of the airport. Since "higher is quieter," the Airport monitors aircraft altitudes along the departure route. Scores are assigned at specific points, or gates, set approximately one mile apart, with higher scores given to those aircraft that reach higher altitudes at the gates. **It is preferred that aircraft making straight–out departures from Runways 28 L/R climb as rapidly as possible.**

(d) Noise Exceedance Rating—Maximum noise level limits are established for selected noise monitor stations surrounding SFO. Pilots can improve their airline's exceedance rating by utilizing the Preferential Runway Use Program and complying precisely with the Gap and Shoreline Departure Procedures.



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PREFERENTIAL RUNWAYS

The SFO Nighttime Preferential Runway Use Program is a voluntary Program that was developed in 1988. SFO operates on two sets of parallel runways for both arrivals and departures, based on this runway configuration, there are three preferred nighttime preferential runway procedures:

1) The primary goal of the Program is to use Runways 10 L/R for take–off because they offer departure routing over the bay which will reduce the noise impacts over the communities surrounding SFO.

2) When departures from Runways 10 L/R are not possible, the second preference would be to depart Runways 28 L/R on the Shoreline or Quiet Departure Procedures. Both of these Procedures incorporate an immediate right turn after departure to avoid residential communities northwest of SFO.

3) The third preference is to depart on Runways 01 L/R. While this procedure directs aircraft over the bay, jet blast from these departures affects communities south of SFO.

The least desirable departure procedure at SFO is a straight–out departure on Runways 28 L/R these departures overfly densely populated communities immediately west of SFO and are discouraged at all hours.

The Airport Director has established a Nighttime Noise Clearance Center operated during 2200–0700 by a duty officer whose responsibilities include monitoring compliance with SFO's Preferential Runway Use Program and responding to requests for exemptions to the noise regulations.

ENGINE RUN–UP RESTRICTIONS

Run–ups of mounted aircraft engines for maintenance or test purposes is prohibited between the hours of 2200–0700 daily except as provided below:

1) An idle check of a single engine is allowed under the following conditions:

(a) An idle check of a single engine not to exceed a 5–minute duration may be conducted in the lease hold area. If more than one engine is to be checked, each engine must be checked separately and the cumulative duration of the idle checks cannot exceed 5–minutes.

(b) An idle check of a single engine or multiple engines (checked separately) which will exceed a duration of five minutes will be accomplished in the designated run–up areas. For purposes of noise abatement monitoring, this will be considered a power run–up.

During the hours of 2200–0700, the Operations Supervisor shall be called and permission received prior to any engine idle check or engine idle run–up, including any idle run for more than a cumulative duration of 5–minutes.

During other hours, the Operations Supervisor shall be called and permission received prior to any engine run–up. Any request for an engine run–up during the hours 2200–0700, other than that described above, which is the result of unusual or emergency circumstances, may be approved by the Nighttime Noise Clearance Center.

When approved and accomplished, the Maintenance Supervisor of the airline concerned must provide to the Airport Director a monthly report detailing the following:

(a) Date and time of the run–up

(b) Type of aircraft

(c) Aircraft identification number

(d) Location of the run–up

(e) Duration of the run–up

(f) An explanation of the unusual or emergency circumstances making the run–up necessary

Reports will be submitted to the Airport Director, Attn: Airport Operations within three working days after the last day of each calendar month.

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APU OPERATING RESTRICTIONS

Operators are encouraged to use ground power and air sources whenever practicable. APUs may be used when aircraft are being towed.

1) Domestic terminals—Use of APUs is prohibited between the hours of 2200–0600 except 30 minutes prior to departure, when passengers are aboard, or it is needed to test other aircraft equipment.

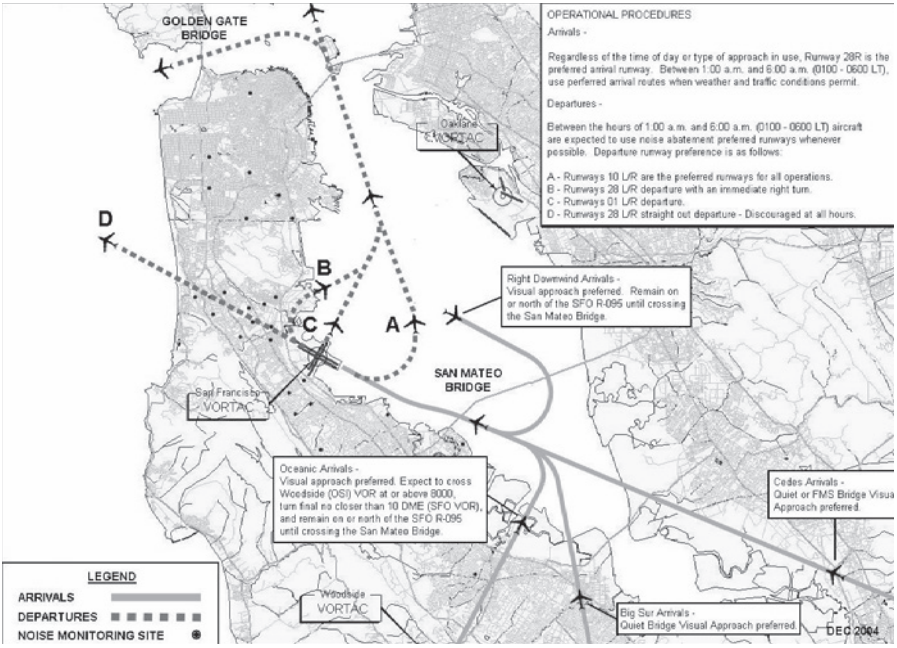
2) International Terminal—The following procedures apply:

(a) Aircraft scheduled to be at a gate in Boarding Areas A and G for more than 45 minutes between the hours of 0700–2200, are required to use 400Hz ground power and pre–conditioned air, where available. APUs are not authorized without prior permission is received from Airport Operations, during the use of ground power and pre–conditioned air until 30 minutes prior to push–back.

(b) All aircraft scheduled to be at an International Terminal gate between 2200–0700 hours are required to use 400Hz ground power and pre–conditioned air, where available, regardless of scheduled time at the gate. APUs are not authorized, unless prior permission is received from Airport Operations, during the use of ground power and pre–conditioned air until 30 minutes prior to push–back.

NOISE MONITORING SYSTEM

As of January 2005, the Airport installed a new Aircraft Noise Management System (ANMS) utilizing Lochard's Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS(tm)) 8 product suite. This system consists of 29 fixed Environmental Monitoring Units (EMU) and four portable units. The previous passive radar system was replaced with Lochard's new hybrid, SkyTrak(tm), an integration of the FAA ARTS IIIE and live Mode S with passive radar that will drive the SFO community web site and deliver flight data throughout the airport.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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