



Advisory # 2025-A-027

Subject: Airfield Maneuvering Area Transponder (MLAT) Requirement

From: Airport Operations

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Purpose

This advisory is to follow-up on Directive # 2023-D-008, the requirement for all vehicles which enter the Maneuvering Area to be equipped with “MLAT” transponders. Transponders allow Ground and Air Traffic Controllers to immediately identify vehicles and maintain runway/taxiway safety.

Supply chain issues have been stabilized, and the procurement time is approximately 90 days.

Exceptions

CDF deicing equipment, vehicles under escort, small GTAA grass cutting equipment.

Expected Action

Operators of Aircraft Tow Tractors, D AVOP Training vehicles and Security Escort vehicles should ensure that their vehicles which are required to operate in the Maneuvering Area are fitted with an approved, functioning transponder before January 15, 2026. Vehicles that fail to have an operational MLAT transponder may be refused entry by Nav Canada Ground Control.

The approved transponder shall be supplied, programmed, and installed by Fleetcom, at the operator’s expense. Fleetcom will also arrange the registration of the transponder with Nav Canada.

To make the necessary arrangements, an operator should contact:

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<https://www.torontopearson.com/en/airport-employees/passes-and-permits/airside-vehicle-operators-permits>

Operators that wish to have access to the MLAT (NavCan Link) display to monitor the movement of their vehicles, may apply for access to Nav Canada via email to service@navcanada.ca.