

Signs And Markings

If it's been a while since you reviewed runway/taxiway signs and markings, you might be surprised at some of the newer designs, and how they're being implemented.

In the past, for instance, it was rare to see taxiway signage painted on the pavement. These days, not so much. Similarly, new centerline striping is being applied. The images at right offer a quick refresher of important signs and markings; the top two are signs while the bottom two are pavement markings.

From top to bottom, the first three are: runway safety area/obstacle-free zone, beyond which you need to be cleared onto the runway; ILS-critical holding line/precision obstacle-free zone; holding position.

The bottom image incorporates the enhanced taxiway centerline markings, a surface-painted runway holding position, denotes which taxiway angles off to the left and which taxiway you're already on. A PDF file designed as a quick reference card including these and other symbols/markings is available free from the FAA's Web site at www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety.

