

PALERMO (PMO/LICJ)

Elevation 65ft

CATEGORY B

AV brief - not required

GENERAL

- Airfield is on the N coast of Sicily with high ground immediately to the S and SE.
- Boccadifalco Aerodrome is 12 nm SE of Punta Raisi with a runway orientated 17/35.

Threats

CFIT

- Terrain ~3,000ft asl within 1 nm S.
- ~4,000ft asl within 9 nm.
- Hazard lights are installed on peaks within 5 nm.
- 15 nm SW across the bay is a N-S range of mountains ~3,700ft asl.
- Circling to the NW only, due terrain.

Runway Incursion

- Taxiing out at night is confusing; there is minimal lighting and the parallel taxiway is an old runway with runway markings.
- Crossing of Rwy 02/20 required on Twy T when taxiing for Rwy 07 full length departure or landing Rwy 25. Do not cross Rwy unless cleared by ATC.
- Pronounced hump at mid-point of rwy 07/25. When at threshold careful assessment is required to check landing traffic has vacated.

Loss of Control

- With winds in the sector through 150°M to 270°M, turbulence caused by the mountain to the S can be severe – expect windshear. It is possible to have winds diametrically opposed at the two ends of the same runway.
- Local wind effects: turbulence can be expected with winds from between 090° through S to 190°. Landing on Rwy 07 and Rwy 25 is not permitted if the reported windspeed exceeds the limits detailed below for the approach direction, subject to aircraft fleet limits. Normal crosswind limits apply when the winds are from between 200° through N to 080°.

wind direction (deg M)	windspeed (kts)
090	25
100 – 110	20
120 – 150	15
160 – 180	20
190	25

- Birds are a hazard, particularly around Rwy 20 approach lights and near the head of Rwy 07.
- Stray cattle may wander onto the runway.

ARRIVAL

Diversion Airports			
CATANIA	CTA/LICC	102 nm/114°T	CAT B
MALTA (Luqa)	MLA/LMML	155 nm/154°T	CAT A
NAPLES	NAP/LIRN	172 nm/018°T	CAT B
CAGLIARI	CAG/LIEE	200 nm/288°T	CAT B
OLBIA	OLB/LIEO	233 nm/314°T	CAT B

- VHF comms with Rome may be difficult at lower flight levels; Palermo App will relay.
- Expect late and/or changed ATC instructions.
- **Rwy 02 not available for night landing.**
- Although Palermo has radar, vectors may not be offered. In this instance expect a procedural approach.

BAV Crew Reports

- *A crew reported (Rwy 07 in use): "Although Palermo have radar they made no attempt to position me for an approach. They offered a procedural VOR/DME or visual on to 07. No problems with a visual on to 07 but the circuit must be fairly tight to stay within the bay to the West of the field". The report finishes with a warning not to go through the centreline to the South due to the high ground.*

DEPARTURE

- Emergency Turn Procedures are available from CARD/Performance Manual.
- Call for clearance 10 mins before ETD.
- Radio load sheets not permitted.
- Expect prelim and final load sheet from the dispatcher.
- Do not depart stand until final load sheet has been received.

WEATHER

- Generally fine in Summer with Cu and Cb building during the day.
- Occasional frontal passage in Winter bringing thick cloud cover and prolonged rainfall.
- Thunderstorms mainly occur Oct to Feb.
- Fog is rare.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	AVIAPARTNER
Handling Agent VHF	131.650
Potable Water	Permitted