

DAMMAM (DMM/OEDF)

Elevation 72ft

CATEGORY A

AV brief – not required

GENERAL

- Dammam King Fahd International airport is approx 15nm NW of Dammam city.
- On BAH-DMM-BAH sectors there is no trigger for the after take-off checks as we remain on QNH throughout.

Threats

CFIT

- There are many high structures approx 10nm between E to SE of the airport reaching 1390ft amsl.

Runway Excursion

- Previous operator experience has highlighted Damman as prone to high-energy/rushed approaches. Crews should maintain a high level of situational awareness and be mindful of aircraft energy when accepting ATC short cuts to final approach.
- Additionally, the local environment surrounding the airport is sparsely lit with minimal ambient lighting. Visual manoeuvres can be hazardous leading to unwanted descents, large bank angles and loss of Situational Awareness.
- Be aware runway lighting can cause a black hole effect as the aircraft approaches the flare. Monitoring of datum ROD and PAPIs can mitigate such effects.

ARRIVAL

Diversion Airports

BAHRAIN	BAH/OBBI	067 nm/105°T	CAT A
DOHA	DOH/OTBD	203 nm/127°T	CAT A
RIYADH	RUH/OERK	260 nm/242°T	CAT A
KUWAIT	KWI/OKBK	261 nm/330°T	CAT A
ABU DHABI	AUH/OMAA	320 nm/114°T	CAT A
DUBAI	DXB/OMDB	353 nm/102°T	CAT A

BAV Crew Reports

- We were flight planned FL120 and a 25 min flight – we asked about cruise level and apparently other carriers only go to 6000', so we did the same. Flight time from take off to landing was only 15 minutes, we departed BAH RWY 30R and after position NARMI we got radar heading 260 until turning to intercept ILS 34L.

GROUND
BAV Crew Reports

- Vacated at B3, right turn onto B, C3 straight into stand 25A.
- There is a specific line to follow for 25A, and you cannot see the Marshaller until you have turned onto stand.

DEPARTURE
BAV Crew Reports

- After pushing back to face south from stand, there is a vehicle road that goes off to the right, and although unlit, it does look like a taxi way.

WEATHER

- Prevailing wind is N'ly which can be very strong at times.
- Early morning fog/low stratus during the winter months.
- Frontal weather occasionally affects Dammam in winter.
- Dust storms occur throughout the year but are most troublesome during mid-summer afternoons.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	Saudia Ground Handling Services
Handling Agent VHF	
Potable Water	Not permitted. Water should be uplifted ex Bahrain (BAH)

IF ONLY Electrical Power is required	Use ground power at all times
If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:	Use both ground services at all times