

PANAMA CITY (PTY/MPTO)

Elevation 135ft

CATEGORY B

AV brief -not yet available

GENERAL

- Tocumen Intl is on a coastal plain 2nm inland from the Gulf of Panama.
- City is 15nm to the SW.
- Beyond the city is the exit from the Canal towards the Pacific.

Threats**CFIT**

- High ground at approx TUM 11d from NW to NE reaching 3484ft.
- Terrain on Taboga Island 19nm to the SW to nearly 1100ft asl.
- Taboga VOR is sited on the island.
- Terrain is depicted on the Lido AFC chart.
- Circling to the SE only due terrain.

Loss of Control

- Large flocks of birds, particularly to the SW, most prevalent May to Sep.

Mid Air Collision

- Marcos A Gelabert airport is 8nm to the S.
- La Joya airfield is 10nm to the NE.
- Howard Air Force Base is 16nm to the SW.

ARRIVAL**Approach**

Expect radar vectors to final approach but vectors to Taboga (TBG) VOR for a full instrument let down also used.

- Transition altitude 18,000ft.
- Speed limit 250kts below 10,000ft.
- Numerous restricted areas to the W of the airfield.
- Only Rwy 03R has an ILS.
- Only instrument approaches to Rwy 21 are an offset VOR/DME to Rwy 21L and an offset RNAV to Rwy 21R.
- Missed approaches for Rwy 03L/R involve a right turn over the Gulf of Panama away from the high ground.

GROUND

- Rwy 03L has a marked upslope of nearly 1°.
- Night landings Rwy 03L request backtrack due unlit parked aircraft and unlit taxiway through cargo and old aprons.

DEPARTURE

- No SIDs published for Rwy 21.

WEATHER

- Occasional W'ly troughs bring rain and minor squalls.
- Dec to Apr – Dry season. Surface winds mainly NNW 10kts.
- May to Nov – Wet season. Frequent thunderstorms after 1400L and off the coast before dawn.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	Aircraft Services
Handling Agent VHF	Aircraft Services 133.00 Iberia 130.075
Potable Water	Not Assessed