

The PHONETIC ALPHABET

Using phonetics helps to ensure that the letters in your call sign are clearly understood. The NATO phonetic alphabet, presented here, is the standard — hams, pilots, police, the military, and other officials all use it. The unusual spellings of “Alpha” and “Juliet” ensure that hams whose first language is not English will enunciate the desired sounds when saying those words.



ALFA



BRAVO



CHARLIE



DELTA



ECHO



FOXTROT



GOLF



HOTEL



INDIA



JULIETT



KILO



LIMA



MIKE



NOVEMBER



OSCAR



PAPA



QUEBEC



ROMEO



SIERRA



TANGO



UNIFORM



VICTOR



WHISKEY



X-RAY



YANKEE



ZULU