

Military Time



FIRST HOUR

The first hour in military time is always “00” no matter what, where it can be interpreted either as “00” or “24” in civilian usage.



COLONS

Written military time does not contain a colon or any other separator of any kind .



MILITARY ZONES

Most military messages include the time zone. For example, 4:00AM Eastern Standard Time would be expressed “0400R” and spoken “Zero Four Hundred Romeo”



UNIVERSAL TIME

Universal Time (aka Greenwich Mean Time) is referred to as zone Z or Zulu. This is used most often when crossing multiple the zones.



LEADING ZEROS

The leading zeros are not pronounced in civilian time. For example, 0452 would be spoken “four fifty two” instead of zero four fifty two hundred hours”