

Ham Radio Abbreviations

Abbreviations are used by ham radio operators to reduce transmission time. It is recommended that you limit yourself to using **only the most common** when in communication with an operator of unknown experience.

AA	All after
AB	All before
ABT	About
ADR	Address
AGN	Again
ANT	Antenna
BCI	Broadcast interference
BCL	Broadcast listener
BK	Break; break me; break in
BN	All between; been
BUG	Semi-automatic key
B4	Before
C	Yes
CFM	Confirm; I confirm
CK	Check
CL	I am closing my station; call
CLD-CLG	Called; calling
CQ	Calling any station
CUD	Could
CUL	See you later
CW	Continuous wave (radiotelegraph)
DLD·DLVD	Delivered
DR	Dear
DX	Distance, foreign countries
ES	And, &
FB	Fine business, excellent
FM	Frequency modulation
GA	Go ahead (or resume sending)
GB	Good-By
GBA	Give better address
GE	Good evening
GG	Going
GM	Good morning
GN	Good night
GND	Ground
GUD	Good
HI	The telegraphic laugh; high
HR	Here, hear

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HV	Have
HW	How
LID	A poor ham operator
MA, MILS	Milliamperes
MSG	Message
N	No
NCS	Net control station
ND	Nothing doing
NIL	I have nothing for you
NM	No more
NR	Number, near
NW	Now
OB	Old boy
OC	Old chap
OM	Old man
OP, OPR	Operator
OT	Old timer
PBL	Preamble
PSE	Please
PWR	Power
PX	Press
R	Received as transmitted; are
RCD, RCVD	Received
RCVR, RX	Receiver
REF	Refer to; referring to; reference
RFI	Radio frequency interference
RIG	Station equipment (i.e. XCVR)
RPT	Repeat; I repeat
RTTY	Radioteletype
RX	Receiver
SASE	Self-addressed, stamped envelope
SED	Said
SIG	Signature; signal
SINE	Operator's personal initials or nickname
SKED	Skedule
SRI	Sorry
SSB	Single sideband
SVC	Service
T	Zero
TFC	Traffic
TMW	Tomorrow
TNX-TKS	Thanks

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TT	That
TU	Thank you
TVI	Television interference
TX	Transmitter, transmit
TXT	Text
UR-URS	Your; you're; yours
VFO	Variable frequency oscillator
VY	Very
WA	Word after
WB	Word before
WD-WDS	Word; words
WKD-WKG	Worked; working
WL	Well; will
WUD	Would
WX	Weather
XCVR	Transceiver
XMTR (TX)	Transmitter
XTAL	Crystal
XYL (YF)	Wife
YL	Young lady
73	Best regards
88	Love and kisses