

				Manchester Airport Aircraft Washing		Risk Rating	High – Reviewed Annually
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1 Approved Washing Locations

To prevent pollution of local rivers and streams, the detergent and water used in aircraft washing needs to be contained. For this reason, the washing of aircraft, vehicles and equipment is restricted to the following locations where special drainage systems are installed:

- Remote Stand 61L (Max Aircraft size A330-300)
- The northern apron attached to the Hangar 1

NB - The washing of vehicles and equipment in landside areas is also restricted to designated locations.

2 Approval

Any organisation/person requiring washing of an aircraft at the above locations must obtain permission from MA Airfield Control via telephone number 0161 489 3331.

In the event that washing can be approved, a location is to be allocated by Airfield Control and an agreed time slot on the washing bay allocated.

3 Freezing Conditions

Airfield Control may refuse permission to wash aircraft when freezing conditions exist or are forecast. This is necessary to prevent ice from forming on the apron and creating hazardous conditions.

4 On The Bay

Washing must be carried out in such a manner as to ensure that run-off does not escape the drainage channels. Upon completion of the wash the aircraft should be removed to an alternative stand as soon as possible to free up the washing bay for other users, unless approval has been given for the aircraft to remain there.

5 Aircraft Washing on Stand

There are two authorised methods of aircraft washing on stands as an alternative to conducting full aircraft washing only permitted on Stand 61.

- Dry belly washes may be carried out on stand using a completely dry wash process (without use of water).
- Wet belly washing using a brush dipped into a bucket of soapy water is also permitted on stand, where all excess liquid is shaken off and care is taken to avoid drips and spills of water and cloths used to remove all dirt/excess water from the aircraft.

Care should be taken to ensure that cleaning cloths and equipment do not become a FOD hazard.

Washing with the use of water on stand should not be undertaken where there is a risk of frost. For any queries, please contact Airfield Operations on telephone number 0161 489 3331.

6 Engine Washing

Engine washing may be carried out on stand where all wash waters are captured and removed from site for disposal.

7 Reporting

A monthly report should be provided by the handling agent or operator undertaking the wash processes, sending it to the MA Environment Team via

environment@manairport.co.uk

The report should include the following information:

- Date and time of wash
- Type of wash
- Type of aircraft and registration
- Volumes of water and chemicals used (For full wet wash only)

Any spillages should be reported immediately to Airfield Operations.