

# US ALPA Issues Safety Alert concerning confusing markings at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (KATL)

US ALPA issued the following Safety Alert on 10 July

**BACKGROUND:** Atlanta-Hartsfield Jackson International Airport (KATL) recently opened a new runway 10/28 that crosses over Interstate Highway I-285 between Taxiways SG 12 and SG 14. The wide concrete extensions covering the Interstate tunnels on both sides of the runway are the same colour as the runway, and the parallel and intersecting taxiways. Yellow chevrons are painted on the concrete tunnel extensions and, in conditions of low visibility, may be mistaken as taxi lines. Similar and shorter concrete extensions with yellow chevrons create the same illusion on parallel Taxiway SG. These hazards are not depicted or referred to on the Jeppesen 10-9 page.

Landing on runway 10 in low visibility pilots should be aware that chevrons painted on the I-285 tunnel shoulders can be mistaken for taxiway centreline markings leading off the runway. If roll out extends beyond SG12, pilots should ensure that they have reached SG14 before exiting the runway.



**RECOMMENDATION:** Use extreme caution if landing on Runway 10 in low visibility conditions, and rollout proceeds beyond Taxiway SG 12. The yellow chevrons on the concrete extensions may appear to be one of taxi lines leading off the runway. The next available turnoff should be Taxiway SG 14. Similarly, use extreme caution whether moving east bound or west bound in low visibility conditions on Taxiway SG, between Taxiways SG 12 and SG 14. This same illusion may occur, with the yellow chevrons again appearing to be one of the taxiway centreline lines leading off of this taxiway.



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