Case Study



Solar Powered Airfield Sign Lights Forward Operating Base, Middle East



PROJECT OVERVIEW	
Location:	Middle East
Date:	September 2009
Site:	Undisclosed Air Base
Product:	AV-SIGN-20
Application:	Solar powered airfield sign lights for remote air base

BENEFITS

- The use of solar power allows this remote airbase to be illuminated eliminating the need to lay cabling
- Sign lights are suited to the harsh Kuwait environment making them reliable in all weather conditions
- Allows pilots to safely navigate runways, taxiways and apron areas
- Using clean, polution-free energy from the sun to power the lights offers an eco-friendly lighting solution

"As the airfield lighting tech, I can say that I am impressed with your products thus far. We are using your solar sign lights to light the airfield signs... they are a very positive addition to our runway. I'm very impressed with their quality and effectiveness."

USAF Electrical Staff Forward Operating Base,Middle East

US Air Force Places Third Order for Avlite Solar Powered Airfield Sign Lights

A Forward Operating Base has placed its third order for Avlite solar-powered LED airfield sign lighting systems. The AV-SIGN-20 is being used to externally light taxiway guidance signs, distance remaining signs and directional airfield signage.

To date, more than 100 units of the Avlite solar LED airfield sign lighting systems have been deployed at multiple FOBs providing significant safety, navigational and maintenance benefits to remote air bases.

As a self-contained frangible airfield sign lighting system with minimal heat signature, pilots are able to navigate the runways, taxiways and apron areas under night vision goggles (NVG) or unaided eye operating conditions. As a testament to the quality and durability of the Avlite solar LED sign lighting solutions, the signs must operate in the summer during constant heat levels above 55 degrees Celsius.

This Forward Operating Base located in the Middle East has part designated for operations by the US Air Force and its allies who provides combat rescue, theater airlift, aero medical evacuation, air surveillance and control, as well as force protection and support. Avlite with partner Aviation Renewables, work closely with the US Air Force's electrical staff to make this high traffic airfield safer and efficient with Avlite Systems solar airfield lighting solutions.

As the OEM supplier for the US ARMY MOTS program, the Avlite solar airfield lighting is designed to operate to military requirements. With a 3-year warranty, replaceable battery, encrypted radio-control and custom designed aviation optical lens, the Avlite airfield lights are the benchmark in solar airfield lighting. The only aviation manufacturer of complete solar airfield lighting systems for the US Forces, NATO and commercial airports, Avlite continues to develop rugged, reliable, on-time solutions for its customers worldwide.

AV-SIGN-20



Solar Powered LED Sign Lights

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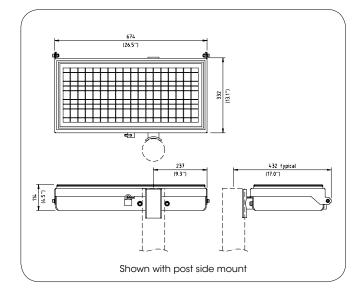
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114 (4.5") 237 (9.3'')

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Shown with frangible stake mount



SPECIFICATIONS •

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Light Characteristics Light Source Available Colors Light Divergence (degrees) LED Life Expectancy (hours)	1 LED cluster in LEXAN® domed luminaires (standard) White 120 >100,000
Electrical Characteristics Current Draw (mA) Circuit Protection Operating Voltage (v) Autonomy (nights) Temperature Range	250mA per light Integrated 12 6 -40 to 80°C
Solar Characteristics Solar Module Type Output (watts) Solar Module Efficiency (%) Charging Regulation	Multicrystalline 20 14 Regulated
Power Supply Battery Type Battery Capacity (Ah) Nominal Voltage (v)	SLA (Sealed Lead Acid) 18 12
Physical Characteristics Body Material (Domed Light Source) Lens Material Body Material (Power Box) Mounting Mass (kg/lbs) Product Life Expectancy	LEXAN® Polycarbonate - UV stabilized LEXAN® Polycarbonate - UV stabilized 7-stage powder-coated aluminium Post or stake mount available 9 / 19¾ Up to 12 years
Certifications CE Quality Assurance	EN61000-6-3:1997. EN61000-6-1:1997 ISO9001:2000
Intellectual Property Trademarks	AVLITE® is a registered trademark of Avlite Systems
Warranty * Options Available	3 years CE
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* Subject to standard terms and conditions

