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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Secure Flight program provides the following data definitions to assist in designing the systems and processes it will require of aircraft operators to capture passenger information for the Secure Flight system. The aircraft operator standards groups will establish the requirements for data submitted to Secure Flight. These requirements will form a standard for recording and incorporating this data into bookings and, subsequently, booking procedures (e.g., Special Service Request (SSR)).

The following data requirements apply to aircraft operators who are subject to the Secure Flight rule.

1 FULL NAME

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) defines “full name” as the name that matches the full name listed on the individual’s Verifying Identity Document (VID) as defined in 49 CFR 1560.3.

The individual making the booking supplies the full name; TSA does not require a document check when the individual supplies his or her full name when making the booking.¹

Table 1-1: Full Name Data Elements

Data Elements	Data Type	Length	Edits/ Rules
Last name	AN	35	Alphabetic, no numeric or special characters, except dash (-) and single quote (‘). Do not include suffixes (e.g., jr.). Truncate names longer than 35 characters to 35 characters.
First name	AN	35	Secure Flight allows first initial only; however, may cause a higher occurrence of Inhibited responses. Alphabetic, no numeric or special characters, except dash (-) and single quote (‘) Do not include honorifics. Truncate names longer than 35 characters to 35 characters.
Middle name	AN	35	Alphabetic, no numeric or special characters, except dash (-) and single quote (‘). Truncate names longer than 35 characters to 35 characters.

¹ If TSA returns a boarding pass printing instruction of “inhibited” to the aircraft operator for an individual, the aircraft operator must obtain a VID from that individual at the airport and verify the information that the individual originally provided.

2 DATE OF BIRTH

Aircraft operators may submit date of birth to Secure Flight with either the two-digit or digit-digit year (e.g., Sept 1, 1960 as either 1960-09-01 or 600901).

Aircraft operators should consider collecting the year as four digits (1960) as it will allow flexibility in responding to future booking standards.

If aircraft operators use passport readers to collect data, they will find that international standards for machine-readable data only include the two-digit (not four-digit) year of birth.

Table 2-1: Date of Birth Data Elements

Data Elements	Data Type	Length	Edits/ Rules
Date of birth	DT	10	Valid month, valid day within the month, and valid year date of birth. Format YYYY-MM-DD where: YYYY - year MM - month DD - day You may submit Year as two digits (YY) when the date source does not provide four digits.

3 GENDER

Aircraft operators will collect gender based on the declaration of the individual making the booking.

Table 3-1: Gender Data Elements

Data Elements	Data Type	Length	Edits/ Rules
Gender	AN	1	Enumerated type field. Valid types: M (male) or F (female)

4 REDRESS NUMBER/ KNOWN TRAVELER NUMBER

Redress Number is a unique number that Department of Homeland Security (DHS) currently assigns to individuals who use the DHS Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (TRIP).

Under the Secure Flight program, these individuals will use the Redress Number in future correspondence with DHS and when making future travel reservations.

TSA does not require aircraft operators to examine documents or credentials when individuals make their bookings; aircraft operators can record the number as the individual making the booking specifies. Secure Flight will validate the number.

Known Traveler Number will be for TSA- approved programs and is a future functionality.

Table 4-1: Redress Number and Known Traveler Number Data Elements

Data Elements	Data Type	Length	Edits/ Rules
Redress Number	AN	13	Unique number DHS assigns to passenger to promote resolution with previous watch list alerts.
Known Traveler Number	AN	25	Assigned passenger number DHS utilizes to facilitate passenger clearance.

5 GENERAL NOTES

Secure Flight does not require special notations or entries in the event the person making the booking is unable or unwilling to provide the required data.

APPENDIX A ACRONYMS

Acronyms	Description
SSR	Special Service Request
VID	Verifying Identity Document
TRIP	Traveler Redress Inquiry Program
DHS	Department of Homeland Security