

Read the radar picture

Read the source shape, identity letter and track information separately. Follow changes across updates.

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Triangle - flat bottom

A detection with no active associated track. It may become a track, changing to a circle or semicircle. Chaff can also produce a triangle. Follow movement and reports: a triangle alone does not prove a missile.



Full circle

An established track, normally with primary and secondary information together. Read the letter and trackblock too: a circle does not mean friendly.



PRIMARY



SECONDARY

Semicircles - check the flat side

Flat bottom: primary information only. Flat top: secondary information only. These are source clues for an established track, not identities. Neither shape proves friendly or hostile.

P A U
H E K

Identity and role letters

Identities: P Pending; A Assumed Friendly; U Unknown; S Suspect; H Hostile; Z Zombie - confirmed registration to a country of interest. Roles: I Interceptor; E AWACS; K High Value support; M Missile. Z does not itself mean hostile. K alone does not name the aircraft type. An identity letter is not an engagement order.



Leader line and history plots

The leader gives movement direction. History dots, or plots, are earlier detected positions. A track joins related reports. Read the speed number: line length is not an exact speed ruler. The trail is not a future route.

350/425
007 3701
EXAMPLE

Trackblock - check the display mode

Full: 350/425 means 35,000 ft / 425 kt; 007 3701 means serial / squawk. Minimal: 3701/150 means squawk / 15,000 ft. A missile full block can show serial and speed instead. Hidden or missing data is not zero. Check Flight Info and your detail settings.



Four corner triangles - IDENT focus

A temporary game highlight around the identity letter, used when centring on a contact. It does not prove a pilot's transponder IDENT reply or change the identity. Match the same callsign and track.

FULL GUIDE

Shapes enlarged for print; colours are not encoded. Scan the QR code for the full guide.

airdefendergame.com/pages/training-origin-shapes/

