

# MILITARY TIME

Major differences between typical 24 hour time usage and military usage



## FIRST HOUR

The first hour in military time is always "00" no matter what, where it can be interpreted either as "00" or "24" in civilian usage.

## COLONS

Written military time does not contain a colon or any time separator of any kind.



## MILITARY ZONES

Most military messages include the time zone. For example, 4:00AM Eastern Standard Time would be expressed "0400R" and spoken "oh four hundred Romeo"

## UNIVERSAL TIME

Universal Time (aka Greenwich Mean Time) is referred to as zone Z or Zulu. This is used most often when crossing multiple time zones.



## LEADING ZEROS

The leading zeros are not pronounced in civilian time. For example, 0452 would be spoken "four fifty two" instead of "oh four fifty two hundred hours".