



The WANT Briefing

The WANT briefing is done twice each flight; once before taxi out for departure (after getting the ATIS and clearance), and once on descent when preparing for arrival. It is different from the preflight briefing. It is a way of quickly assessing any THREATS that need to be mitigated during departure or arrival. Typically taking less than a minute, it focuses only on information pertaining to you, rather than a complete dissemination of your whole preflight briefing. For each threat identified, brief your strategy for MITIGATING that threat.

W ather

Brief only elements of the weather that are a threat. (Ceiling/visibility, affecting aircraft performance, turbulence.) If none, the brief would simply be, "no significant weather".

A irport/Area/Arrival

For departure, brief likely taxi route, hot spots, and if IFR, brief your departure procedure from your clearance. Brief your return route for an emergency single-engine return for landing. Program the flight plan into your FMS.

For the arrival, brief the published arrival if applicable, the transition to an approach, and the approach itself. Brief any hot spots on your likely taxi route. Program the FMS.

N otams

Brief only NOTAMS that directly impact your departure or arrival.

T hreats

Brief any threats not already identified above, such as fatigue, stress, mechanical irregularities, terrain in close proximity to the airport, external pressures, a demanding circling approach, etc. Once all threats have been identified, brief how you plan to MITIGATE them. Remember that multiple threats have a compounding effect.