



Photo taken at spot D

Frequencies

Inbound	
132.975	Amsterdam ATIS arrival
131.150	Approach only on ATC discretion
121.950	Apron CTR & taxi guidance
118.400	Arrival intermediate / final approach main runway
119.050	Arrival alternate RWY
119.175	EHAM info over SEA
120.550	Radar arrivals via ARTIP holding
130.950	Radar arrivals via RIVER holding
118.800	Radar arrivals via SUGOL holding
120.200	Schiphol arrival
121.200	Schiphol intermediate approach
118.900	Schiphol tower 2 O/R or ATC directions
118.275	Schiphol tower 3

General	
121.875	Apron control
121.900	Apron control
121.600	Schiphol havendienst
119.225	Schiphol tower landingsverkeer

Outbound	
122.200	Amsterdam ATIS departure
123.700	Amsterdam radar CTA West (NW)
125.750	Amsterdam radar CTA West (SW)
121.950	Apron CTR & taxi guidance

121.975	Delivery
119.050	Departure alternate RWY
121.700	Ground control & startup (west)
121.800	Ground control & startup (east)
118.100	Schiphol tower primary departure
118.275	Schiphol tower (on request)

Long distance	
129.300	Amsterdam radar CTA East (NE)
124.875	Amsterdam radar CTA East (SE)
123.850	Amsterdam radar CTA South (S)
123.700	Amsterdam radar CTA West (NW)
125.750	Amsterdam radar CTA West (SW)
133.350	Eurocontrol Belgium
133.950	Eurocontrol Germany
135.450	Maastricht CTR coastal subsector
134.375	Maastricht CTR EHAM
135.975	Maastricht CTR EHAM secondary

Specials	
131.550	Aero Ground Dispatch
124.300	Amsterdam information
133.100	Amsterdam information (uncontrolled airspace at or below FLO55)
126.200	Amsterdam MET broadcast
131.625	KLM Helicopters / GA Amsterdam
131.825	KLM maintenance
131.650	KLM operations
136.850	Martinair maintenance
136.825	Martinair operations
131.800	Ogden Aviation
130.150	Schiphol Channel 9 (runway usage)
131.900	Transavia

Spotter sites

Schiphol is a big airport with no less than six runways. In order to get around and really get something out of your Amsterdam spotting, you need a car. Under you'll find short descriptions of the spots we used during our stay in May 2003 + more added after the opening of the Polderbaan (RWY 18R/36L).

A End of Aalsmeerderweg
This is a perfect spot all day to get shots of arrivals coming through on TWY South, aircraft bound for apron S (outside Martinair Cargo) or take offs on



RWY 24. The car can be left further up the road at B if you risk parking in the field (very muddy when it rains).

B Parking lot along Aalsmeerderweg
This is a perfect spot for landings on RWY 06, take offs on RWY 24 and what's going on over at the cargo area. With the sun in your back, it can be used all day long. "Meals-on-wheels" visit the parking lot during weekends, but don't expect any culinary wonders.

C Parking lot in front of the former Air Holland building
This one we found by chance - in front of the Air Holland building is a nice car park (can only be used during the weekend, since it's reserved spaces) with full view of the final for RWY 36R. The spot gives the best spotting/photography during the early morning.

D Parking lot at McDonald's
This one is for the early risers and is magic for landings on RWY 27. I suggest you start the day here, the nearby McDonald's have monitors showing the scheduled arrivals.

E Schipolweg between GA area and RWY 27
If RWY 27 is used for landings during the day and still want to be in the neighbourhood of a McDonald's ☺, you can leave your car at the parking lot at site D. Use your feet to cross the centerline of the RWY along the Schipolweg and get the sun from behind - you can get great shots of aircraft on short finals.

F Dirt road close to the threshold of RWY 18C
With RWY 18C (Zwanenburgbaan) used for landings until around noon, at this spot you can get great belly shots. The road (Tweeduizend Ei) isn't wide, but there are a couple of areas you park your car. If you use Hoofdweg from Haarlemmermeer to reach this spot, you cross under the new TWY to RWY 18R/36L and you'll see the new satellite tower near by.

G Widened shoulder along Hoofdweg after A5
To the west of the 18C centerline along Hoofdweg there is a small parking slot which can be an alternative to spot F in the afternoon.

H Observation deck
The observation deck is of course the most obvious spot for spotting at AMS. Soak in the atmosphere of a vibrant airport and get the shots and/or registration numbers easy. I would also recommend the Dakota's Café & Bar just inside the main building.

I/J West of RWY 36R
As an alternative to C in the afternoons.

K Take offs from 18L
Along the circle road (Loevesteinse Randweg) you can find spots, but no space for parking the car.

L East of RWY 18R/36L (Polderbaan)
To reach the spot, you need to follow Ijweg to the dead end. The spot is best used during the first part of the day.

M The TWY crossing to Polderbaan
This spot is more spooky, you have to enter the old graveyard along the Vijfhuizenweg on the north side of the canal. If you drive the Vijfhuizenweg to the end, there is a large parking area on the left side. From the graveyard you have a great view of aircraft taxi-ing to and from the Polderbaan, but hope for they are using the southernmost TWY.

N Threshold of RWY 18R
If you are into shot final shots, this is the perfect place to be when RWY 18R is in use for landings. The spot is along the Schipholweg (N232), and it's impossible to park on the way shoulder. There is a parallel road on the north side of the Schipholweg that can be used for parking. The last bit (300 metres) you have to walk to get to the spotter spot.

O West of RWY 18R/36L (Polderbaan)
To reach this spot, you have to park your car at the end of the Ijweg coming in from the south side. It can be difficult to get a free parking space if you are late (lots of spotters use this place). Now you have to start walking north along the bike path to get to your favourite spot.

P Threshold of RWY 36L
To reach the spot you drive to the end of Vijfhuizenweg from the west side. As for spot O, difficult to get parked. The spot offers unobstructed view of the threshold.