

## **Pad, Helicopter. FAC: 1112**

CATCODE: 116662

OPR: AFCEC/COS

OCR: AF/A4L

1.1. **Description.** The pad is a landing area or platform for helicopters. Also known as a Helipad. While helicopters are able to operate on a variety of relatively flat surfaces, a fabricated helipad provides a clearly marked hard surface away from obstacles where a helicopter can land safely. For inventory purposes, include only the paved pad area.

1.2. **Requirements Determination.** Provide pavement for helicopters when there is no other operational apron or pad available in the area.

1.3. **Scope Determination.** Factors for determining the number of helicopter pads authorized is discussed further in paragraph 2-7.3 of UFC 3-260-01.

1.4. **Dimensions.** See Apron (**CATCode 113321**) for apron dimensions. Provide a pad sized to support the intended use of the facility. Limited-use VFR helipads are 15 m x 15 m (50 ft x 50 ft), and standard VFR/IFR helipads are 30 m x 30 m (100 ft x 100 ft). At minimum, provide a pad with a width 1.0 to 2.0 times the length of the largest helicopter using the facility.

1.5. **Design Considerations.** All helicopter pavement, whether for takeoff, landing, taxiing, or parking, is listed as "pad, helicopter" and constructed for light load.