

Controller-Pilot Phraseology:

<u>Message</u>	<u>Phraseology</u>
For a controller to ascertain the RVSM approval status of an aircraft:	(call sign) CONFIRM RVSM APPROVED
For a pilot to report non-RVSM approval status: i) on the initial call on any frequency within the RVSM airspace (controllers shall provide a read back with this same phrase), and ii) in all requests for flight level changes pertaining to flight levels within the RVSM airspace; and iii) in all read-backs to flight level clearances pertaining to flight levels within the RVSM airspace. Additionally, except for State aircraft, pilots shall include this phrase to read back flight level clearances involving the vertical transit through FL 290 or FL 410 <i>See examples that follow.</i>	Negative RVSM *
For a pilot to report RVSM approval status.	AFFIRM RVSM *
For a pilot of a non- RVSM approved state aircraft to report non-RVSM approval status, in response to the phrase (call sign) CONFIRM RVSM APPROVED.	NEGATIVE RVSM STATE AIRCRAFT *
Denial of clearance into the RVSM airspace:	(call sign) UNABLE CLEARANCE INTO RVSM AIRSPACE, MAINTAIN [or DESCEND TO , or CLIMB TO] FLIGHT LEVEL (number)
For a pilot to report when severe turbulence affects the aircraft's capability to maintain the height-keeping requirements for RVSM	UNABLE RVSM DUE TURBULENCE *
<i>For a pilot to report that the aircraft's equipment has degraded en-route below that required for flight within the RVSM airspace. (See Attachment A) (This phrase is to be used to convey both the initial indication of the non- MASPS compliance, and henceforth, on initial contact on all frequencies within the lateral limits of the RVSM airspace until such time as the problem ceases to exist, or the aircraft has exited the RVSM airspace.)</i>	UNABLE RVSM DUE EQUIPMENT *
For a pilot to report the ability to resume operations within the RVSM airspace after an equipment or weather related contingency.	READY TO RESUME RVSM *
For a controller to confirm that an aircraft has regained its RVSM approval status, or to confirm that the pilot is ready to resume RVSM operations.	REPORT ABLE TO RESUME RVSM