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## IN FLIGHT ATC LIGHT GUN SIGNALS

**GREEN**

STEADY

**Cleared to land**

**G**

**G**

FLASHING

**Return for landing**

(followed by steady green)

**RED**

STEADY

**Give way to  
other aircraft  
and continue circling**

**R**

**R**

FLASHING

**Do not land**

Airport unsafe

**R**

**G**

FLASHING

**Exercise  
extreme caution**

### PILOT RESPONSE

DAY

**Rock wings**

NIGHT

**Flash lights  
(ldg or nav)**

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# ON GROUND ATC LIGHT GUN SIGNALS

**GREEN**

STEADY

**Cleared for  
takeoff**

**G**

**G**

FLASHING

**Cleared for taxi**

**RED**

STEADY

**STOP!**

**R**

**R**

FLASHING

**Taxi clear of  
runway in use**

**W**

**W**

FLASHING

**Return to starting  
point on airport**

**R**

**G**

FLASHING

**Exercise  
extreme caution**

## PILOT RESPONSE

DAY

**Move  
ailerons/rudder**

NIGHT

**Flash lights  
(ldg or nav)**

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