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UK site specific 3 hourly forecast data

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Product Description History

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Product Description

3-Hourly site specific forecasts for UK sites, covering 7 days.

Product Title

UK Site Specific 3 Hourly Forecast Data

Purpose of the Product

For use on:

- Broadcast
 - Online Services
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Data Parameters Supplied

1. Wind Direction (16 point compass)
2. Wind Speed - average (mph)
3. Temperature (whole degrees Celsius)
4. Weather (code figure)
5. Visibility (descriptive term)
6. Pressure (whole hPa)
7. Humidity (%)
8. Wind Gust (mph)
9. Feels like Temperature (whole degrees Celsius)

Each line contains the following comma delimited fields:

Field number and description	Example Contents	Null Values
1. Site Name	Characters e.g. = Exeter	
2. Site Latitude	Latitude (Decimal Degrees) e.g. = 48.51	
3. Site Longitude	Longitude (Decimal Degrees) e.g. = -122.612	
4. Blank Field (reserved for U.S State)	(BLANK)	
5. Country	Characters e.g. = United Kingdom	
6. Continent	Characters e.g. = Europe	
7. Blank Filed (reserved for Type of forecast site)	(BLANK)	
8. Start time; timesteps calculated from this	0000, 0600, 1200, 1800 where 0000 = 00:00 UTC	
9. Day (of forecast start point, day 1)	'Sun', 'Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thu', 'Fri' or 'Sat'	
10. Date of issue or first forecast day	DD e.g. = 05	
11. Month	MM e.g. = 08	
12. Year	YYYY e.g. = 2010	
13. Forecast period or timestep.	e.g. = 51 where the data that follows is the forecast for 51 hours on from the start time in field 7	
14. Wind Direction	'N', 'NNE', 'NE', 'ENE', 'E', 'ESE', 'SE', 'SSE', 'S', 'SSW', 'SW', 'WSW', 'W', 'WNW', 'NW' or 'NW'	N/A
15. Wind Speed	Integer – mph	-99
16. Screen Temperature	Integer – Degrees celsius	-99
17. Significant Weather	Code – see decode	-99

18. Visibility	2 character code – see decode	-99
19. Mean Sea Level Pressure	Integer – millibars	-99
20. Relative Humidity	Integer – percentage	-99
21. Wind gust	Integer – mph	-99
22. Feels Like Temperature	Integer – degrees celsius	-99
23. Fields 13 to 22 inclusive are repeated for each 3 hourly timestep for the remaining timesteps		

Visibility Decode

Visibility	Description	Code
< 1000 m	Very poor	VP
< 4000 m	Poor	PO
< 10000 m	Moderate	MO
< 20000 m	Good	GO
< 40000 m	Very good	VG
>= 40000 m	Excellent	EX

Significant Weather Decode

Code	Decode
-99	N/A
0	Clear sky (Night)
1	Sunny (Day)
2	Partly cloudy (Night)
3	Sunny intervals
4	Dust storm
5	Mist
6	Fog
7	(White) Medium-level cloud
8	(Black) Low-level cloud
9	Light rain shower (Night)
10	Light rain shower (Day)
11	Drizzle
12	Light rain
13	Heavy rain shower (Night)
14	Heavy rain shower (Day)
15	Heavy Rain
16	Sleet shower (Night)
17	Sleet shower (Day)
18	Sleet
19	Hail shower (Night)
20	Hail shower (Day)
21	Hail
22	Light snow shower (Night)
23	Light snow shower (Day)
24	Light snow
25	Heavy snow shower (Night)
26	Heavy snow shower (Day)
27	Heavy snow
28	Thundery shower (Night)
29	Thundery shower (Day)
30	Thunder storm
31	Tropical storm

Data Timesteps Supplied

Lead Time: 7 days

Temporal Resolution: 3-hourly

Frequency of Issue

Hourly

Format of Output File

CSV

Filename is EX0000_UK_SS_3Hrly_FX_ddMMyy_HHmms.CSV

Delivery Method

FTP pull from PWMS FTP (FTPWEB)

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