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| ABL | Air-Based Laser |
| ABM | Anti-Ballistic Missile |
| ACS | AEGIS Combat System (also known as AWS) |
| ALCM | Air Launched Cruise Missile |
| ASCM | Anti-Ship Cruise Missile |
| AWACS | Airborne Warning and Control System |
| AWS | AEGIS Weapons System |
| BADGE | Basic Air Defense Ground Environment (Japanese battle management system) |
| BM | Battle Management |
| BMD | Ballistic Missile Defense |
| BMDO | Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (U.S.) |
| BMDR | Ballistic Missile Defense Research (Japan) |
| BPI | Boost-Phase Intercept |
| C3 | Command, Control, and Communications |
| C3I | Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence |
| C3ISR | Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance |

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| C4I | Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence |
| CAPP | Center for Asia-Pacific Policy |
| CBM | Confidence-Building Measures |
| DP | Democratic Party (Japan) |
| EW | Early Warning |
| FMCT | Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty |
| FUE | First-Unit-Equipped |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GOJ | Government of Japan |
| GPALS | Global Protection Against Limited Strikes |
| HPD | High-Power Discriminating (Radar) |
| ICBM | Intercontinental Ballistic Missile |
| IRBM | Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile |
| IRST | Infrared Search and Track (system) |
| IT | Information Technology |
| JDA | Japanese Defense Agency |
| JASDF | Japan Air Self-Defense Force |
| JMSDF | Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force |
| JSDF | Japan Self-Defense Forces |
| LACM | Land-Attack Cruise Missile |
| LDP | Liberal Democratic Party |
| LEAP | Lightweight Exoatmospheric Projectile |
| LP | Liberal Party |
| LT | Lower Tier |
| MAD | Mutual Assured Destruction |
| MARV | Maneuverable Reentry Vehicle |

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| MEADS | Medium Extended Air Defense System |
| METI | Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Japan) |
| MIRV | Multiple, Independently Targeted Reentry Vehicle |
| MoF | Ministry of Finance (Japan) |
| MoFA | Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan) |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MRBM | Medium-Range Ballistic Missile |
| MTCR | Missile Technology Control Regime |
| MTDP | Mid-Term Defense Program (Japan) |
| NAD | Navy Area Defense |
| NMD | National Missile Defense |
| NTW | Navy Theater-Wide |
| R&D | Research and Development |
| SALT | Strategic Arms Limitation Talks |
| SBIRS | Space-Based Infrared System |
| SDI | Strategic Defense Initiative |
| SM | Standard Missile |
| SRBM | Short-Range Ballistic Missile |
| SSC-SCC | Security Subcommittee, Security Consultative Committee (U.S.-Japan) |
| TRDI | Technology Research and Development Institute (Japan) |
| THAAD | Theater High-Altitude Area Defense |
| TMD | Theater Missile Defense |
| TMD WG | TMD Working Group (U.S.-Japan) |
| TPD | Taepodong (North Korean missile) |
| UAV | Unmanned Aerial Vehicle |

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| UN | United Nations |
| UT | Upper Tier |
| WESTPAC | Western Pacific Missile Defense Architecture Study |
| WMD | Weapons of Mass Destruction |