

# VFR Chart Print Schedule Realignment and Synchronization

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# Summary

- **Synchronization**

- VFR Charting plans to move all chart publication dates to the same 56-day AIRAC dates as other charts and publications.

- **Realignment**

- Individual chart print dates will be better aligned based on shared Class B airspace and/or large overlap areas.



# Why Synchronize?

- **All other AeroNav Products charts and publications are published on the same 56-day AIRAC dates**
  - Terminal Procedures
  - Enroute
  - Airport/Facility Directory
- **Synchronizes VFR Charts with airspace dates**



# Current Print Schedule

- **VFR Charting currently prints a subset of its charts every 28 days**
  - Each individual Sectional/TAC prints twice a year
    - Updates every 168 and 196 days (alternating)

**ALBUQUERQUE SECTIONAL**  
SECTIONAL AERONAUTICAL CHART SCALE 1:500,000  
92<sup>ND</sup> EDITION EFFECTIVE 0901Z **16 OCT 2014**  
TO 0901Z **2 APR 2015**

**SALT LAKE CITY SECTIONAL**  
SECTIONAL AERONAUTICAL CHART SCALE 1:500,000  
94<sup>TH</sup> EDITION EFFECTIVE 0901Z **16 OCT 2014**  
TO 0901Z **30 APR 2015**



# Current Print Schedule

- **28-day schedule (Sectionals, TACs, WACs)**

<b>16 OCT 2014</b>	<b>12 charts (includes Albuquerque and Salt Lake City)</b>
<b>13 NOV 2014</b>	<b>13 charts</b>
<b>11 DEC 2014</b>	<b>11 charts</b>
<b>8 JAN 2015</b>	<b>10 charts</b>
<b>5 FEB 2015</b>	<b>11 charts</b>
<b>5 MAR 2015</b>	<b>16 charts</b>
<b>2 APR 2015</b>	<b>14 charts (includes Albuquerque)</b>
<b>30 APR 2015</b>	<b>13 charts (includes Salt Lake City)</b>
<b>28 MAY 2015</b>	<b>14 charts</b>
<b>25 JUN 2015</b>	<b>14 charts</b>

**Print capacity limitations have always dictated how many charts could be printed at a time**



# Print Schedule Synchronization

- VFR Charting is working toward a 56-day print cycle

~~16 OCT 2014~~

13 NOV 2014

Approx. 25 charts (includes WACs)

~~11 DEC 2014~~

8 JAN 2015

Approx. 25 charts

~~5 FEB 2015~~

5 MAR 2015

Approx. 25 charts

~~2 APR 2015~~

30 APR 2015

Approx. 25 charts

~~28 MAY 2015~~

25 JUN 2015

Approx. 25 charts

New print contractor  
allows for increased  
print capacity



# Print Schedule Synchronization

- **Each Sectional/TAC would print every 224 days**
  - Allows us to apply resources in more meaningful ways, while continuing to maintain the safety of the flying public

**13 NOV 2014** (ex. Albuquerque and Salt Lake City)

**8 JAN 2015**

**5 MAR 2015**

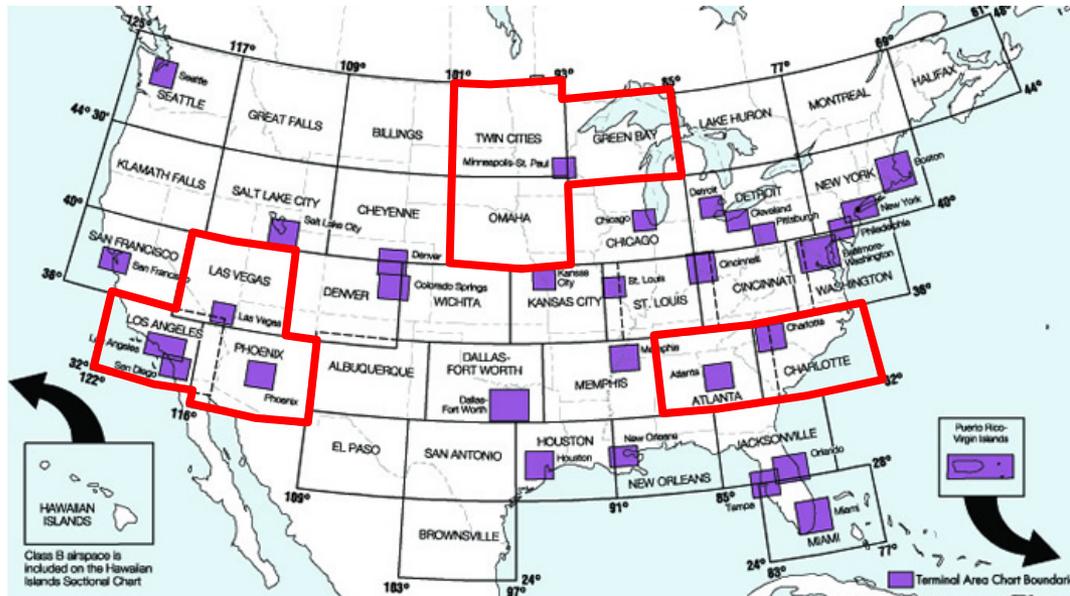
**30 APR 2015**

**25 JUN 2015** (ex. Albuquerque and Salt Lake City)



# Print Schedule Realignment

- Will use this opportunity to better align print schedules of charts with adjoining Class B airspace and/or larger overlap areas.
  - Such charts would share same print dates



# Looking Ahead

- **Future goal is to produce 56-day updates for ALL digital VFR Charts**

**XX NOV 201X** All digital charts

**XX JAN 201X** All digital charts

**XX MAR 201X** All digital charts

**XX APR 201X** All digital charts

**XX JUN 201X** All digital charts



# Questions/Comments?

