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User’s Guide

VFR Charting Products
(Includes Sectional, Terminal Area, Caribbean, Flyway, and Helicopter Charts)

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INTRODUCTION

This Chart User's Guide is an introduction to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) aeronautical charts and publications. It is useful to new pilots as a learning aid, and to experienced pilots as a quick reference guide.

The FAA is the source for all data and information utilized in the publishing of aeronautical charts through authorized publishers for each stage of Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) air navigation including training, planning, and departures, enroute (for low and high altitudes), approaches, and taxiing charts. Digital charts are available online at:

- VFR Charts - https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/vfr/
- IFR Charts - https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/ifr/
- Chart Supplements - https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/dafd/

Paper copies of the charts are available through an FAA Approved Print Provider. A complete list of current providers is available at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/print_providers/

The FAA Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) Pilot/Controller Glossary defines in detail, all terms and abbreviations used throughout this publication. Unless otherwise indicated, miles are nautical miles (NM), altitudes indicate feet above Mean Sea Level (MSL), and times used are Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

The Notices to Airmen Publication (NOTAM) includes current Flight Data Center (FDC) NOTAMs. NOTAMs alert pilots of new regulatory requirements and reflect changes to Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs), flight restrictions, and aeronautical chart revisions. This publication is prepared every 28 days by the FAA, and is available by subscription from the Government Printing Office. For more information on subscribing or to access online PDF copy, http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/notices/

In addition to NOTAMs, the Chart Supplement and the Safety Alerts/Charting Notices page of the Aeronautical Information Services website are also useful to pilots.

KEEP YOUR CHARTS CURRENT

Aeronautical information changes rapidly, so it is important that pilots check the effective dates on each aeronautical chart and publication. To avoid danger, it is important to always use current editions and discard obsolete charts and publications.

To confirm that a chart or publication is current, refer to the next scheduled edition date printed on the cover. Pilots should also check Aeronautical Chart Bulletins and NOTAMs for important updates between chart and publication cycles that are essential for safe flight.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHART USER’S GUIDE AND UPDATES

All information in this guide is effective as of 26 March 2020. All graphics used in this guide are for educational purposes. Chart symbology may not be to scale. Please do not use them for flight navigation.

The Chart User’s Guide is updated as necessary when there is new chart symbology or changes in the depiction of information and/or symbols on the charts. When there are changes, it will be in accordance with the 56-day aeronautical chart product schedule.

COLOR VARIATION

Although the digital files are compiled in accordance with charting specifications, the final product may vary slightly in appearance due to differences in printing techniques/processes and/or digital display techniques.

REPORTING CHART DISCREPANCIES

Your experience as a pilot is valuable and your feedback is important. We make every effort to display accurate information on all FAA charts and publications, so we appreciate your input. Please notify us concerning any requests for changes, or potential discrepancies you see while using our charts and related products.

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WHAT’S NEW?
Update as of 26 March 2020

The following charting items have been added to the Online Chart User’s Guide since the Guide was last published on 30 January 2020:

**VFR CHARTS**

**Airport Symbol to Indicate Fuel Availability**

There has been a criteria change for the depiction of fuel availability. The airport symbol tick marks will be shown when fuel is available at the airport. This is for any fuel type and any availability. Users should consult the Chart Supplement for the full details of fuel availability.

The revised note on the VFR Sectional Legend reads as follows:

**IFR ENROUTE CHARTS**

**Coincident Airways/Routes with Unusable Segment**

When two airways/routes are coincident, but only one airway/route is designated as unusable, the following note indicating which airway the unusable symbology applies to will be placed in close proximity to the airway/route identifiers.

**TERMINAL PROCEDURE PUBLICATIONS (TPPS)**

No Changes Applied
EXPLANATION OF VFR TERMS AND SYMBOLS

This chapter covers the Sectional Aeronautical Chart (Sectional). These charts include the most current data at a scale of (1:500,000) which is large enough to be read easily by pilots flying by sight under Visual Flight Rules. Sectionals are named after a major city within its area of coverage.

The chart legend includes aeronautical symbols and information about drainage, terrain, the contour of the land, and elevation. You can learn to identify aeronautical, topographical, and obstruction symbols (such as radio and television towers) by using the legend.

A brief description next to a small black square indicates the exact location for many of the landmarks easily recognized from the air, such as stadiums, pumping stations, refineries, etc. A small black open circle with descriptive type indicates oil, gas or mineral wells. A small black circle with descriptive type indicates water, oil or gas tanks. The scale for some items may be increased to make them easier to read on the chart.

Aeronautical Information Services' charts are prepared in accordance with specifications of the Interagency Air Committee (IAC) and are approved by representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of Defense (DoD).

WATER FEATURES (HYDROGRAPHY)

Water features are depicted using two tones of blue, and are considered either "Open Water" or "Inland Water." "Open Water," a lighter blue tone, shows the shoreline limitations of all coastal water features at the average (mean) high water levels for oceans and seas. Light blue also represents the connecting waters like bays, gulfs, sounds and large estuaries.

Exceptionally large lakes like the Great Lakes, Great Salt Lake, and Lake Okeechobee, etc., are considered Open Water features. The Open Water tone extends inland as far as necessary to adjoin the darker blue "Inland Water" tones. All other bodies of water are marked as "Inland Water" in the darker blue tone.

LAND FEATURES (TERRAIN) AND OBSTRUCTIONS

The elevation and configuration of the Earth's surface is important to pilots. Our Aeronautical Information Specialists are devoted to showing the contour of the earth and any obstructions clearly and accurately on our charts. We use five different techniques: contour lines, shaded relief, color tints, obstruction symbols, and Maximum Elevation Figures (MEF).

1. Contour lines join points of equal elevation. On Sectionals, basic contours are spaced at 500' intervals. Intermediate contours are typically at 250' intervals in moderately level or gently rolling areas. Auxiliary contours at 50', 100', 125', or 150' intervals occasionally show smaller relief features in areas of relatively low relief. The pattern of these lines and their spacing gives the pilot a visual concept of the terrain. Widely spaced contours represent gentle slopes, while closely spaced contours represent steep slopes.

2. Shaded relief shows how terrain may appear from the air. Shadows are shown as if light is coming from the northwest, because studies have shown that our visual perception has been conditioned to this view.

3. Different color tints show bands of elevation relative to sea level. These colors range from light green for the lower elevations, to dark brown for the higher elevations.
4. Obstruction symbols show man made vertical features that could affect safe navigation. FAA's Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) maintains a database of over obstacles in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico and U.S. Pacific Island Territories. Aeronautical Specialists evaluate each obstacle based on charting specifications before adding it to a visual chart. When a Specialist is not able to verify the position or elevation of an obstacle, it is marked UC, meaning it is "under construction" or being reported, but has not been verified.

The FAA uses a Digital Obstacle File (DOF) to collect and disseminate data. Because land and obstructions frequently change, the source data on obstructions and terrain is occasionally incomplete or not accurate enough for use in aeronautical publications. For example, when the FAA receives notification about an obstruction, and there is insufficient detail to determine its position and elevation, the FAA Flight Edit Program conducts an investigation.

The Flight Edit crew visually verifies the cultural, topographic, and obstacle data. Charts are generally flight-checked every four years. This review includes checking for any obstruction that has been recently built, altered, or dismantled without proper notification.

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Obstacles under construction are indicated by placing the letters UC adjacent to the obstacle type.

Obstacles with high-intensity strobe lighting systems may operate part-time or by proximity activation and are shown as follows:

5. The Maximum Elevation Figure (MEF) represents the highest elevation within a quadrant, including terrain and other vertical obstacles (towers, trees, etc.). A quadrant on Sectionals is the area bounded by ticked lines dividing each 30 minutes of latitude and each 30 minutes of longitude. MEF figures are rounded up to the nearest 100’ value and the last two digits of the number are not shown.
MEFs over land and open water areas are used in areas containing man-made obstacles such as oil rigs. In the determination of MEFs, the FAA uses extreme care to calculate the values based on the existing elevation data shown on source material. Aeronautical Information Specialists use the following procedure to calculate MEFs:

**MEF - Man-made Obstacle**

When a man-made obstacle is more than 200’ above the highest terrain within the quadrant:

1. Determine the elevation of the top of the obstacle above MSL.
2. Add the possible vertical error of the source material to the above figure (100’ or 1/2 contour interval when interval on source exceeds 200’. U.S. Geological Survey Quadrangle Maps with contour intervals as small as 10’ are normally used).
3. Round the resultant figure up to the next higher hundred-foot level.

**Example:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Elevation of obstacle top (MSL)</th>
<th>2649</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Possible obstacle error</td>
<td>+100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>equals</td>
<td>2749</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raise to the following 100’ level</td>
<td>2800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Elevation Figure (MEF)</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
MEF - Natural Terrain Feature or Natural Vertical Obstacle

When a natural terrain feature or natural vertical obstacle (e.g. a tree) is the highest feature within the quadrangle:

1. Determine the elevation of the feature.

2. Add the possible vertical error of the source to the above figure (100’ or 1/2 the contour interval when interval on source exceeds 200’).

3. Add a 200’ allowance for uncharted natural or manmade obstacles. Chart specifications don’t require the portrayal of obstacles below minimum height.

4. Round the figure up to the next higher hundred-foot level.

Example:

Elevation of obstacle top (MSL) 13161
Possible vertical error +100
Obstacle Allowance +200
equals 13461
Raise to the following 100’ level 13500
Maximum Elevation Figure (MEF) 135

Pilots should be aware that while the MEF is based on the best information available to the Specialist, the figures are not verified by field surveys. Also, users should consult the Aeronautical Chart Bulletin in the Chart Supplement or Aeronautical Information Services website to ensure that your chart has the latest MEF data available.

LAND FEATURES - MOUNTAIN PASSES

Mountain Pass symbol does not indicate a recommended route or direction of flight and pass elevation does not indicate a recommended clearance altitude. Hazardous flight conditions may exist within and near mountain passes.
On VFR Charts, information about radio aids to navigation (NAVAID) are boxed, as illustrated. Duplication of data is avoided. When two or more radio aids in a general area have the same name with different frequencies, Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) channel numbers, or identification letters, and no misinterpretation can result, the name of the radio aid may be indicated only once within the identification box. Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency (VHF/UHF) NAVAID names and identification boxes (shown in blue) take precedence. Only those items that differ (e.g., frequency, Morse Code) are repeated in the box in the appropriate color. The choice of separate or combined boxes is made in each case on the basis of economy of space and clear identification of the radio aids.

A NAVAID that is physically located on an airport may not always be represented as a typical NAVAID symbol. A small open circle indicates the NAVAID location when collocated with an airport icon.

The type of NAVAID will be identified by: "VOR," (VHF Omni-Directional Range) "VORTAC" (VOR Tactical Aircraft Control), "VOR-DME," (VOR-Distance Measuring Equipment) or "DME" (Distance Measuring Equipment) positioned on and breaking the top line of the NAVAID box.

DMEs are shown without the compass rose.

AIRPORTS

Airports in the following categories are charted as indicated (additional symbols are shown later in this Section).

Public use airports:

- Hard-surfaced runways greater than 8069' or some multiple runways less than 8069'
- Hard-surfaced runways 1500' to 8069'
- Other than hard-surfaced runways
- Seaplane bases

Military airports:

- Other than hard-surfaced runways

Hard-surfaced runways are depicted the same as public-use airports.

U.S. military airports are identified by abbreviations such as AAF (Army Air Field), AFB (Air Force Base), MCAS (Marine Corps Air Station), NAS (Naval Air Station), NAV (Naval Air Facility), NAAS (Naval Auxiliary Air Station), etc. Canadian military airports are identified by the abbreviation DND (Department of National Defense).

Fuel Available:

Fuel availability indicated by use of tick marks around the basic airport symbol. Consult Chart Supplement for details and availability.

Other airports with or without fuel:
Airports are plotted in their true geographic position unless the symbol conflicts with a NAVAID at the same location. In such cases, the airport symbol will be displaced, but the relationship between the airport and the NAVAID will be retained.

Airports are identified by their designated name. Generic parts of long airport names (such as "airport," "field," or "municipal") and the first names of persons are commonly omitted unless they are needed to distinguish one airport from another with a similar name.

The figure at right illustrates the coded data that is provided along with the airport name.

The elevation of an airport is the highest point on the usable portion of the landing areas. Runway length is the length of the longest active runway, including displaced thresholds and excluding overruns. Runway length is shown to the nearest 100', using 70 as the rounding point; a runway 8070' in length is charted as 81, while a runway 8069' in length is charted as 80. If a seaplane base is collocated with an airport, there will be additional seaplane base water information listed for the elevation, lighting and runway.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Flight Service Station on field</th>
<th>Elevation in feet</th>
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<tr>
<td>Airports where fixed wing special VFR operations are prohibited (shown above airport name) FAR 91</td>
<td>Lighting in operation Sunset to Sunrise</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indicates FAR 93 Special Air Traffic Rules and Airport Traffic Pattern</td>
<td>Lighting limitations exist; refer to Chart Supplement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Location Identifier</td>
<td>Length of longest runway in hundreds of feet; usable length may be less.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAO Location Identifier</td>
<td>Aeronautical advisory station</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Tower (CT) - primary frequency</td>
<td>Runways with Right Traffic Patterns (public use)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star indicates operation part-time. See tower frequencies tabulation for hours of operation</td>
<td>See Chart Supplement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Follows the Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF)</td>
<td>VFR Advisory Service Shown when ATIS is not available and frequency is other than the primary CT frequency.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatic Terminal Information Services</td>
<td>Weather Camera (Alaska)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatic Flight Information Service</td>
<td>Airport of Entry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automated Surface Weather Observing Systems; shown when full-time ATIS is not available.</td>
<td>When information is lacking, the respective character is replaced by a dash. Lighting codes refer to runway edge lights and may not represent the longest runway or full length lighting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Airports with Control Towers (CT) and their related data are shown in blue. All other airports and their related data are shown in magenta. The L symbol indicates that runway lights are on from dusk to dawn. L indicates that the pilot must consult the Chart Supplement to determine runway lighting limitations, such as: available on request (by radio-call, letter, phone, etc), part-time lighting, or pilot/airport controlled lighting. Lighting codes refer to runway edge lights. The lighted runway may not be the longest runway available, and lights may not be illuminated along the full length of the runway. The Chart Supplement has a detailed description of airport and air navigation lighting aids for each airport. A dash represents no runway edge lights.

The symbol ✦ indicates the existence of a rotating or flashing airport beacon operating from dusk to dawn. The Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) thoroughly explains the types and uses of airport lighting aids.

Right traffic information is shown using the abbreviation 'RP' for right pattern, followed by the appropriate runway number(s) (RP 18). Special conditions or restrictions to the right pattern are indicated by the use of an asterisk ("RP) to
direct the pilot to the Chart Supplement for special instructions and/or restrictions.

The type “OBSESSIONABLE” associated with an airport symbol indicates that an objectionable airspace determination has been made for the airport per FAA JO 7400.2 Section 4, Airport Charting and Publication of Airport Data. Objectionable airspace determinations are based upon a number of factors including conflicting traffic patterns with another airport, hazardous runway conditions, or natural or man-made obstacles in close proximity to the landing area. FAA Regional Airports Offices are responsible for airspace determinations. Address any challenges to objectionable airspace determinations to your FAA Regional Airports Office.

AIRSPACE

CONTROLLED AIRSPACE

Controlled airspace consists of those areas where some or all aircraft may be subject to air traffic control, such as: Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D, Class E Surface (SFC) and Class E Airspace.

Class A Airspace within the United States extends from 18,000’ up to FL600. While visual charts do not depict Class A, it is important to note its existence.

Class B Airspace is shown in abbreviated form on the Caribbean Charts (CAC). The Sectional Aeronautical Chart (Sectional) and Terminal Area Chart (TAC) show Class B in greater detail. The MSL ceiling and floor altitudes of each sector are shown in solid blue figures with the last two zeros omitted. Floors extending "upward from above" a certain altitude are preceded by a (+). Operations at and below these altitudes are outside of Class B Airspace. Radials and arcs used to define Class B are prominently shown on TACs. Detailed rules and requirements associated with the particular Class B are shown. The name by which the Class B is shown is "LAS VEGAS CLASS B" for example.

Class C Airspace is shown in abbreviated form on Caribbean Charts (CAC). Sectionals and TACs show Class C in greater detail. The MSL ceiling and floor altitudes of each sector are shown in solid magenta figures with the last two zeros eliminated.

The figure at left identifies a sector that extends from the surface to the base of the Class B.

Class C Airspace is identified by name: BURBANK CLASS C

Separate notes, enclosed in magenta boxes, give the approach control frequencies to be used by arriving VFR aircraft to establish two-way radio communication before entering the Class C (generally within 20 NM):  

Class C operating less than continuous is indicated by the following note:  

Class D Airspace is identified with a blue dashed line. Class D operating less than continuous is indicated by the following note: See NOTAMs/Supplement for Class D eff hrs

Ceilings of Class D are shown as follows: 30

A minus in front of the figure is used to indicate "from surface to, but not including..."

Class E Surface (SFC) Airspace is symbolized with a magenta dashed line. Class E (SFC) operating less than continuous is indicated by the following note: See NOTAMs/Supplement for Class E eff hrs

Class E Airspace exists at 1200’ AGL unless designated otherwise. The lateral and vertical limits of all Class E, (up to, but not including 18,000’) are shown by narrow bands of vignette on Sectionals and TACs.

Controlled airspace floors of 700’ above the ground are defined by a magenta vignette; floors other than 700’ that laterally abut uncontrolled airspace (Class G) are defined by a blue vignette; differing floors greater than 700’ above the ground are annotated by a symbol and a number indicating the floor. 2400 AGL 4500 MSL
If the ceiling is less than 18,000' MSL, the value (preceded by the word "ceiling") is shown along the limits of the controlled airspace. These limits are shown with the same symbol indicated above.

**UNCONTROLLED AIRSPACE**

**Class G Airspace** within the United States extends up to 14,500' Mean Sea Level. At and above this altitude is Class E, excluding the airspace less than 1500' above the terrain and certain special use airspace areas.

**SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE**

Special Use Airspace (SUA) confines certain flight activities and restricts entry, or cautions other aircraft operating within specific boundaries. Except for Controlled Firing Areas, SUA areas are depicted on VFR Charts. Controlled Firing Areas are not charted because their activities are suspended immediately when spotter aircraft, radar, or ground lookout positions indicate an aircraft might be approaching the area. Nonparticipating aircraft are not required to change their flight paths. SUA areas are shown in their entirety (within the limits of the chart), even when they overlap, adjoin, or when an area is designated within another area. The areas are identified by type and identifying name/number, and are positioned either within or immediately adjacent to the area.

* Alert Areas do not extend into Class A, B, C and D airspace, or Class E airport surface areas.

**OTHER AIRSPACE AREAS**

**Mode C Required Airspace** (from the surface to 10,000' MSL) within a 30 NM radius of the primary airport(s) for which a Class B is designated, is depicted by a solid magenta line.

Mode C is required, but not depicted for operations within and above all Class C up to 10,000’ MSL.

Enroute Mode C requirements (at and above 10,000’ MSL except in airspace at and below 2500’ AGL) are not depicted. See FAR 91.215 and the AIM.

**FAR 93** Airports and heliports under Federal Aviation Regulation 93 (FAR 93), (Special Air Traffic Rules and Airport Traffic Patterns), are shown by "boxing" the airport name.

**FAR 91** Airports where fixed wing special visual flight rules operations are prohibited (FAR 91) are shown with the type "NO SVFR" above the airport name.

**National Security Areas** indicated with a broken magenta line and Special Flight Rules Areas (SFRAs) indicated with the following symbol: , consist of airspace with defined vertical and lateral dimensions established at locations where there is a requirement for increased security and safety of ground facilities. Pilots should avoid flying through these depicted areas. When necessary, flight may be temporarily prohibited.

**The Washington DC Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ)** is related to National Security. It is depicted using the Prohibited/Restricted/Warning Area symbology and is located within the SFRA. It is defined as the airspace within approximately a 13 to 15 NM radius of the DCA VOR-DME. Additional requirements are levied upon aviators requesting access to operate inside the National Capital Region.

**Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Areas Relating to National Security** are indicated with a broken blue line. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is a type of Notice to Airmen (NOTAM). A TFR defines an area where air travel is restricted due to a hazardous condition, a special event, or a general warning for the entire airspace. The text of the actual TFR contains the fine points of the restriction. It is important to note that only TFRs relating to National Security are charted.
Air Defense Identification Zones (ADIZs) are symbolized using the ADIZ symbol: ☢☢☢☢☢☢☢☢☢☢. As defined in Code of Federal Regulations 14 (CFR 14) Part 99, an ADIZ is an area in which the ready identification, location, and control of all aircraft is required in the interest of national security. ADIZ boundaries include Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Canada and the Contiguous U.S.

Terminal Radar Service Areas (TRSA) are shown in their entirety, symbolized by a screened black outline of the entire area including the various sectors within the area.

The outer limit of the entire Terminal Radar Service Areas (TRSA) is a continuous screened black line. The various sectors within the TRSA are symbolized by narrower screened black lines.

Each sector altitude is identified in solid black color by the MSL ceiling and floor values of the respective sector, eliminating the last two zeros. A leader line is used when the altitude values must be positioned outside the respective sectors because of charting space limitations. The TRSA name is shown near the north position of the TRSA as follows: PALM SPRINGS TRSA. Associated frequencies are listed in a table on the chart border.

Military Training Routes (MTRs) are shown on Sectionals and TACs. They are identified by the route designator: IR or VR. Route designators are shown in solid black on the route centerline, positioned along the route for continuity. The designator IR or VR is not repeated when two or more routes are established over the same airspace, e.g., IR201-205-227. Routes numbered 001 to 099 are shown as IR1 or VR99, eliminating the initial zeros. Direction of flight along the route is indicated by small arrowheads adjacent to and in conjunction with each route designator.

The following note appears on Helicopters, Sectionals and TACs except for Hawaiian Islands which is different.

There are IFR (IR) and VFR (VR) routes as follows:

Route identification:

a. Routes at or below 1500' AGL (with no segment above 1500') are identified by four-digit numbers; e.g., VR1007, etc. These routes are generally developed for flight under Visual Flight Rules.

b. Routes above 1500' AGL (some segments of these routes may be below 1500') are identified by three or fewer digit numbers; e.g., IR21, VR302, etc. These routes are developed for flight under Instrument Flight Rules.

MTRs can vary in width from 4 to 16 miles. Detailed route width information is available in the Flight Information Publication (FLIP) AP/1B (a Department of Defense publication), or through the 56 Day NASR Subscription from the National Flight Data Center (NFDC).

Special Military Activity areas are indicated on Sectionals by a boxed note in black type. The note contains radio frequency information for obtaining area activity status.
TERMINAL AREA CHART (TAC) COVERAGE

TAC coverage is shown on appropriate Sectionals by a 1/4” masked line as indicated below. Within this area pilots should use TACs, which provide greater detail. A note indicating that the area is on the TAC appears near the masked boundary line.

INSET AND SPECIAL CHART COVERAGE

Inset and Special Chart Coverage (i.e., Grand Canyon Chart) is shown on appropriate Sectionals by a 1/8” masked line as indicated below. A note to this effect appears near the masked boundary line. (Additional examples shown in VFR Sectional and Terminal Charts > Navigational and Procedural Information > Chart Limits.)

CHART TABULATIONS

Airport Tower Communications are provided in a columnized tabulation for all tower-controlled airports that appear on the respective chart. Airport names are listed alphabetically. If the airport is military, the type of airfield, e.g., AAF, AFB, NAS, is shown after the airfield name. In addition to the airport name, tower operating hours, primary Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency (VHF/UHF) local Control Tower (CT), Ground Control (GND CON), and Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS) frequencies, when available, will be given. Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR) and/or Precision Approach Radar (PAR) procedures are listed when available.

Approach Control Communications are provided in a columnized tabulation listing Class B, Class C, Terminal Radar Service Areas (TRSA) and Selected Approach Control Facilities when available. Primary VHF/UHF frequencies are provided for each facility. Sectorization occurs when more than one frequency exists and/or is approach direction dependent. Availability of service hours is also provided.

Special Use Airspace (SUA): Prohibited, Restricted and Warning Areas are presented in blue and listed numerically for U.S. and other countries. Restricted, Danger and Advisory Areas outside the U.S. are tabulated separately in blue. A tabulation of Alert Areas (listed numerically) and Military Operations Areas (MOA) (listed alphabetically) appear on the chart in magenta. All are supplemented with altitude, time of use and the controlling agency/contact facility, and its frequency when available. Users need to be aware that a NOTAM addressing activation will NOT be issued to announce permanently listed times of use. The controlling agency will be shown when the contact facility and frequency data is unavailable.
Airports with control towers are indicated on the face of the chart by the letters CT followed by the primary VHF tower frequency(ies). Information for each tower is listed in the table below. Operational hours are local time. The primary VHF and UHF tower and ground control frequencies are listed.

Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS) frequencies shown on the face of the chart are airport VHF/UHF frequencies. All ATIS frequencies are listed at the table below. ATIS operational hours may differ from tower operational hours.

ASR and/or PAR indicate Radar Instrument Approach available.

**MON-SAT** indicates Monday through Friday.

**C/T** indicates Other Times.

### Frequencies (VHF/UHF)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Airport Name</th>
<th>Control Tower</th>
<th>OPERATES</th>
<th>TOWER</th>
<th>GND CON</th>
<th>ATIS</th>
<th>ASR/PAR</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>AIRBORNE</strong></td>
<td>DFW</td>
<td>0600-1800 SAT 0600-1900 SUN</td>
<td>119.9</td>
<td>121.6</td>
<td>124.925</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>BLUE GRASS</strong></td>
<td>CONTINUOUS</td>
<td>119.1</td>
<td>257.8</td>
<td>121.9</td>
<td>126.3</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>BOYTON</strong></td>
<td>0730-1930</td>
<td>121.3</td>
<td>121.3 (E) 121.8 (W)</td>
<td>118.2</td>
<td>ASR/PAR</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>CENTRAL/KENTUCKY INTL</strong></td>
<td>CONTINUOUS</td>
<td>118.3 (KYS) 118.7 (297)</td>
<td>121.7</td>
<td>134.375 (ABR)</td>
<td>ASR</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>COX DAYTON INT</strong></td>
<td>CONTINUOUS</td>
<td>121.9</td>
<td>275.8</td>
<td>125.6</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>EASTERN KY/ROSE/ SHEPHERD</strong></td>
<td>0700-2000 2200-0000</td>
<td>124.3</td>
<td>236.6</td>
<td>121.8</td>
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### Radar Approach Control

**Sunrise to Sunset**

### Frequencies (VHF/UHF)

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<th>Facility</th>
<th>Frequencies</th>
<th>Service Availability</th>
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<td><strong>CINCINNATI CLASS B</strong></td>
<td>VHF, UHF</td>
<td>CONTINUOUS</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>CHARLESTON CLASS C</strong></td>
<td>121.9</td>
<td>269.125</td>
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<td><strong>COLUMBUS CLASS C</strong></td>
<td>122.0</td>
<td>317.775</td>
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<td><strong>DAYTON CLASS C</strong></td>
<td>122.8</td>
<td>294.5</td>
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<td><strong>BROOKLYN TSRA</strong></td>
<td>124.1</td>
<td>349 0906-2200</td>
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<td><strong>HUNTINGTON TSRA</strong></td>
<td>125.5</td>
<td>376.5</td>
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<td><strong>PERKINS RAAF RADAR</strong></td>
<td>116.7</td>
<td>355.9</td>
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### SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE ON SECTIONAL CHART

Unless otherwise noted altitudes are MSL, and in feet. Time is local. **“NO”** indicates area is not for navigation.

**U.S. P**—Prohibited, **R**—Restricted, **W**—Warning, **A**—Alert, **MOA**—Military Operations Area

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<tr>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Altitude (in)</th>
<th>Time of Use</th>
<th>Controlling Agency</th>
<th>Frequencies</th>
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<tr>
<td>R-4602 A</td>
<td>4000</td>
<td>Continuous May 1-Sept 15 12:00 Hrs in Advance</td>
<td>Washington CNTR</td>
<td>118.75 377.1</td>
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<td>Washington CNTR</td>
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### MOA NAME | Altitude (in) | Time of Use | Controlling Agency | Frequencies |
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<td>Continuous 24 Hrs in Advance</td>
<td>Indianapolis CNTR</td>
<td>124.0 135.57</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>BUCKEYE</strong></td>
<td>0800-2200</td>
<td>Continuous 24 Hrs in Advance</td>
<td>Indianapolis CNTR</td>
<td>134.0 135.57</td>
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<td><strong>EVERS</strong></td>
<td>5000</td>
<td>Continuous 24 Hrs in Advance</td>
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*Altitudes indicate floor of MOA. All MOA extend 1000 feet unless otherwise indicated in tabulation on chart.

**C/T** indicates Other Times by NOTAM.

**MOA**—Military Operations Area

### SUNRISE TO SETTEN

### CANADA R—RESTRICTED, D—DANGER AND A—ADVISORY AREA

<table>
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<tr>
<td>CY07</td>
<td>Confederation Bridge, PE</td>
<td>To 500</td>
<td>Continuous</td>
<td>Moncton ACC</td>
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<tr>
<td>CY07</td>
<td>HSL, NS</td>
<td>To 200</td>
<td>OCCASIONAL BY NOTAM</td>
<td>Moncton ACC</td>
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<tr>
<td>CY07</td>
<td>Greenwood, NS</td>
<td>To 500</td>
<td>CONT DANGER DAY</td>
<td>Moncton ACC</td>
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<td>CY07</td>
<td>Speris, NS</td>
<td>To 200</td>
<td>CONT DANGER</td>
<td>Moncton ACC</td>
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*Other times by DND NOTAM.
Starting in 2016, the FAA CARIBBEAN VFR Aeronautical Charts were first published, replacing the discontinued World Aeronautical Charts (WACs), parts of CH-25, CJ-26, and CJ-27, with CJ-26’s last effective date of 1 February 2018 and CJ-27 last effective date of 29 March 2018. The Caribbean Charts are published as two VFR Charts: Caribbean 1 (CAC-1) covers Southern Florida, Cuba, Haiti and the Bahamas; Caribbean 2 (CAC-2) covers Puerto Rico, Haiti, Dominican Republic, the Lesser Antilles and Leeward Islands. CAC-1 is updated annually and CAC-2 biennially.

Caribbean Charts are designed for VFR and provide aeronautical and topographic information of the Caribbean. The aeronautical information includes airports, radio aids to navigation, Class B airspace and special use airspace. The topographic information includes city tint, populated places, principal roads, drainage patterns and shaded relief.

The chart symbols used on the Caribbean Charts are similar to those used in the Sectional and Terminal Area Charts, the major difference being in scale. The Caribbean VFR Chart scale is 1:1,000,000 vs the Sectional Chart Scale of 1:500,000 and Terminal Area Chart Scale of 1:250,000. Chart symbology will appear smaller on the Caribbean VFR Charts.

**Example from Caribbean 1 VFR Aeronautical Chart**

Airport Traffic Service and Airport Space Information Unique to CAC

Only airway and reserved airspace effective below 18,000’ MSL in the U.S. airspace and below FL200 outside of the U.S. airspace are shown.
The symbols shown in this section illustrate those that appear in the Sectional Aeronautical Charts (Sectionals) and Terminal Area Charts (TACs). The same symbology is utilized in VFR Flyway Planning Charts, Helicopter Route Charts and Caribbean Aeronautical Charts (CACs), however the scale of the symbols may be different due to the particular chart scales. Where symbology is distinctive to a given chart, examples and explanations are given in the additional examples.

### Airports

**Landplane: Civil**
- Non-Towered
- Towered

Airports having control towers (CT) are shown in blue, all others are shown in magenta.

All recognizable runways, including some which may be closed, are shown for visual identification purposes. Fuel available.

Runway patterns will be depicted at airports with at least one hard surfaced runway 1500’ or greater in length.

**Landplane: Civil-Military**
- Non-Towered
- Towered

**Landplane: Military**
- Non-Towered
- Towered

Refueling and repair facilities not indicated.

**Heliport**
- Non-Towered
- Towered

(Selected)

**Seaplane: Civil**
- Non-Towered
- Towered

**Ultralight Flight Park**
- Non-Towered
- Towered

(Selected)

**Landplane: Emergency**
- Fuel not available
- Complete information is not available.

**PUBLIC USE** - (Soft surfaced runway, or hard surfaced runway less than 1500’ in length.) Fuel not available.

**RESTRICTED OR PRIVATE** - (Soft surfaced runway, or hard surfaced runway less than 1500’ in length.) Use only in emergency, or by specific authorization.

**OBJECTIONABLE**

OBJECTIONABLE is an airport that has an airspace determination based upon a number of factors including conflicting traffic patterns with another airport, hazardous runway conditions, or natural or man-made obstacles in close proximity to the landing area.

**UNVERIFIED** - A landing area available but warranting more than ordinary precaution due to:
1. Lack of current information on field conditions,
2. Available information indicates peculiar operating limitations.

**ABANDONED** - Depicted for landmark value or to prevent confusion with an adjacent usable landing area. (Normally at least 3000’ paved).

**Seaplane: Emergency**
- Fuel not available or complete information is not available.
### AIRPORTS (Continued)

#### Airport Data Grouping

(Pvt): Non-public use having emergency or landmark value.

"OBJECTIONABLE": This airport may adversely affect airspace use.

<table>
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<th>Flight Service Station on field</th>
<th>FSS</th>
<th>286</th>
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<td>Airports where fixed wing special VFR operations are prohibited (shown above airport name) FAR 91</td>
<td>NO SVFR</td>
<td>L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indicates FAR 93 Special Air Traffic Rules and Airport Traffic Pattern</td>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;L</td>
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<tr>
<td>Location Identifier</td>
<td>(NAM)</td>
<td>72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAO Location Identifier</td>
<td>(PNAM)</td>
<td>122.95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Tower (CT) - primary frequency</td>
<td>CT - 118.3</td>
<td>RP 23, 34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star indicates operation part-time. See tower frequencies tabulation for hours of operation</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>RP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Follows the Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF)</td>
<td></td>
<td>VFR Advy 125.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatic Terminal Information Services</td>
<td>ATIS 123.8</td>
<td>AOE</td>
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<tr>
<td>Automatic Flight Information Service</td>
<td>AFIS 135.2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automated Surface Weather Observing Systems; shown when full-time ATIS is not available.</td>
<td>ASOS/AWOS 135.42</td>
<td></td>
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- Elevation in feet: 286
- Lighting in operation Sunset to Sunrise: L
- Lighting limitations exist; refer to Chart Supplement: "L
- Length of longest runway in hundreds of feet; usable length may be less: 72
- Aeronautical advisory station: 122.95
- Runways with Right Traffic Patterns (public use): RP 23, 34
- See Chart Supplement: RP
- VFR Advisory Service Shown when ATIS is not available and frequency is other than the primary CT frequency: VFR Advy 125.0
- Weather Camera (Alaska): WX CAM
- Airport of Entry: AOE

When information is lacking, the respective character is replaced by a dash. Lighting codes refer to runway edge lights and may not represent the longest runway or full length lighting.
RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION

VOR

Operates less than continuous or On-Request

Underline indicates no voice on this frequency

VORTAC

When an NDB NAVAID shares the same name and Morse Code as the VOR NAVAID the frequency can be co-located inside the same box to conserve space.

VOR-DME

Crosshatch indicates Shutdown status

DME

DME co-located at an airport
Note: DMEs are shown without the compass rose.

Compass Rose

Compass Rose is “reference” oriented to magnetic north

Example of VOR NAVAID co-located at airport

Non-Directional Radio Beacon (NDB)

Underline indicates no voice on this frequency

NDB-DME

NAVAID Used To Define Class B Airspace

ILS Components

TAC - Shown when used in description of Class B airspace.

Compass Rosette

Shown only in areas void of VOR roses.

Compass rosette will be based on the five year epoch magnetic variation model.
RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION (Continued)

Automated Weather Broadcast Services

Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) / Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS).

Flight Service Station (FSS)

Heavy line box indicates Flight Service Station (FSS). Frequencies 121.5, 122.2, 243.0 and 255.4 (Canada - 121.5, 126.7, and 243.0) are normally available at all FSSs and are not shown above boxes. All other frequencies are shown. Frequencies transmit and receive except those followed by an R.

R - receive only

International Flight Service Station

Frequencies above thin line box are remoted to NAVAID site. Other frequencies at FSS providing voice communication may be available determined by altitude and terrain. Consult Chart Supplement for complete information.

Thin line box without frequencies and controlling FSS name indicates no FSS frequency available.

Off Airport AWOS/ASOS

Broadcast Stations (BS)

On request by the proper authority or when a VFR Checkpoint

Remote Communications Outlet (RCO)

Frequencies above thin line box are remoted to NAVAID site. Other frequencies at FSS providing voice communication may be available determined by altitude and terrain. Consult Chart Supplement for complete information.

AIRSPACE INFORMATION

Class B Airspace

Sectional

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Only the airspace effective below 18,000 feet MSL are shown.

(Mode C see FAR 91.215 / AIM)

Terminal Area Chart (TAC)

All mileages are nautical (NM).

All radials are magnetic.
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

Class C Airspace

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

(Mode C see FAR 91.215/AIM)

Class E Airspace

The limits of Class E airspace shall be shown by narrow vignettes or by the dashed magenta symbol. Individual units of designated airspace are not necessarily shown; instead, the aggregate lateral and vertical limits shall be defined by the following:

1. Airspace beginning at the surface (sfc) designated around airports.
2. Airspace beginning at 700 feet AGL that laterally abuts 1200 feet or higher Class E airspace.
3. Airspace beginning at 700 feet AGL that laterally abuts uncontrolled (Class G) airspace.
4. Airspace beginning at 1200 feet AGL that laterally abuts uncontrolled (Class G) airspace.

Differentiates floors of airspace greater than 700 feet above the surface.

When the ceiling is less than 18,000 feet MSL, the value prefixed by the word “CEILING”, shall be shown along the limits.

Class D Airspace

Altitude in hundreds of feet MSL

Airspace beginning at the surface (sfc) designated around airports.

Airspace beginning at the surface with an airspace exclusion area where Class E airspace is excluded below 1200’ MSL.
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

Class E Airspace (Continued)

Low Altitude Airways VOR and LF/MF (Class E Airspace)

Low altitude Federal Airways are indicated by centerline.

Only the controlled airspace effective below 18,000 feet MSL is shown.

Miscellaneous Air Routes

Combined Federal Airway/RNAV 2 “T” Routes are identified in solid blue type adjacent to the solid magenta federal airway identification.

The joint route symbol is screened magenta.

Canadian Airspace

Individual units of designated Canadian airspace are not necessarily shown; instead, the aggregate lateral and vertical limits shall be portrayed as closely as possible to the comparable U.S. airspace.

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Flight Information Regions (FIR)

TCA Class B/C/D

Oceanic Control Areas (OCA)

Control Areas (CTA)

Offshore Control Areas

No FIR exists this side - No ticks

MONCTON FIR CZQM

WINNIPEG FIR CZWG

EDMONTON FIR CZEG

OAKLAND OCEANIC CONTROL AREA

MAZATLAN CTA SECTOR 2

MONTERREY CTA SECTOR 3

ATLANTIC LOW CONTROL AREA

9500 MSL

ATLANTIC LOW CONTROL AREA

8000 MSL

CONTROL AREA 1148L
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

Special Conservation Areas

National Park, Wildlife Refuge, Primitive and Wilderness Areas, etc.

Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA) Relating to National Security

Example: Washington DC

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Note: Delimiting line not shown when it coincides with International Boundary, projection lines or other linear features.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Relating to National Security

Example: Washington DC

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

CAUTION CONTACT FLIGHT SERVICE FOR LATEST FLIGHT RESTRICTION STATUS AND NOTAMS ASSOCIATED WITH P-40 AND R-4009

NOAA Regulated National Marine Sanctuary Designated Areas

Flight operations below 1000’ AGL over the designated areas within the Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary violate NOAA regulations (see 15 CFR 922).
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA)

Special Use Airspace

Only the airspace effective below 18,000 feet MSL is shown.

The type of area shall be spelled out in large areas if space permits.

* Alert Areas do not extend into Class A, B, C and D airspace, or Class E airport surface areas.

Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ) Relating to National Security

National Security Area

Appropriate notes as required may be shown

Special Awareness Training Areas

Mode C (FAR 91.215)

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ)

Note: Delimiting line not shown when it coincides with International Boundary, projection lines or other linear features.
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

High Energy Radiation Areas

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Military Training Routes (MTR)

Special Military Activity Routes (SMAR)

Boxed notes shown adjacent to route.

IFR Routes

Arrival

Departure

Arrival/Departure

TAC only

Special Security Notice Permanent Continuous Flight Restriction Areas

Sporting Event Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Sites

Space Operations Area (FAR Part 91.143)

Miscellaneous Activity Areas

Aerobatic Practice Area

Glider Operations

Hang Glider Activity

Ultragliding Activity

Unmanned Aircraft Activity

Parachute Jumping Area with Frequency

Space Launch Activity Area
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

VFR Transition Routes

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Uni-directional

Bi-directional

Bi-directional with NAVAID Ident and Radial

Terminal Radar Service Area (TRSA)

TRSA Name

HARRISBURG TRSA

TRSA Boundaries

TRSA Sectors

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

NAVIGATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

Isogonic Line and Value

Isogonic lines and values shall be based on the five year epoch magnetic variation model.

Local Magnetic Notes

Unreliability Notes

Intersections

Named intersections used as reporting points. Arrows are directed toward facilities which establish intersection.

Aeronautical Lights

By Request

Rotating or Oscillating

Isolated Location

Rotating Light with Flashing Code Identification Light

Rotating Light with Course Lights and Site Number

Example: Los Angeles

Example: Harrisburg, PA
**Airport Beacons**

Rotating or Flashing

Isolated Locations

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**VFR Checkpoints**

Underline indicates proper name of VFR Checkpoint.

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**VFR Waypoints**

RNAV

Stand-Alone

Collocated with VFR Checkpoint

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**Obstruction**

Above 200’ & below 1000’ AGL (above 299’ AGL in urban area)

Under Construction (UC) or reported and position/elevation unverified

1000’ and higher (AGL)

Wind Turbine

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**High-Intensity Obstruction Lights**

Less than 1000’ (AGL)

1000’ and higher (AGL)

Wind Turbine

Group obstruction

Wind Turbines

High-intensity lights may operate part-time or by proximity activation.

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**Marine Lights**

*With Characteristics of Light*

- Red
- White
- Green
- Blue
- Sector
- Fixed
- Single Occulting
- Group Occulting
- Composite Group Occulting
- Isophase
- Flashing
- Group Flashing
- Composite Group Flashing
- Quick
- Interrupted Quick
- Morse Code
- Fixed and Flashing
- Alternating
- Group
- Long Flash
- Group Quick Flashing
- Interrupted Quick Flashing
- Very Quick Flashing
- Group Very Quick Flashing
- Interrupted Very Quick Flashing
- Ultra Quick Flashing
- Interrupted Ultra Quick Flashing

* Marine Lights are white unless otherwise noted. Alternating lights are red and white unless otherwise noted.

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**Group Obstruction**

Above 200’ & below 1000’ AGL (above 299’ AGL in urban area)

1000’ and higher (AGL)

At least two in group

1000’ and higher (AGL)

Wind Turbines

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**Wind Turbine Farms**

When highest wind turbine is unverified, UC will be shown after MSL value.

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**Maximum Elevation Figure (MEF)**

(see VFR Terms tab for explanation)
**CULTURE**

**Railroads**
- Single Track
- Double Track
- More Than Two Tracks
- Electric
- Non-operating, Abandoned or Under Construction

**Roads**
- Dual-Lane Divided Highway Category 1
- Primary Category 2
- Secondary Category 2

**Trails**
- Category 3

Provides symbolization for dismantled railroad when combined with label “dismantled railroad.”

**Railroad Yards**
- Limiting Track To Scale
- Location Only

**Railroad Stations**

**Railroad Sidings and Short Spurs**

**Road Markers**
- Interstate Route No.
- U.S. Route No.
- Air Marked Identification Label

**Road Names**

**Roads Under Construction**
CULTURE (Continued)

Related Features to Railroads and Roads

Bridges and Viaducts

Railroad

Causeways

Overpasses and Underpasses

Tunnels-Road and Railroad

Bridges and Viaducts

Road

Ferries, Ferry Slips and Fords

Populated Places

Yellow tinted areas indicate populated places.

Small circle indicates an area too small to depict using yellow tint.

Font Style and Size indicate the category of the populated area:

Large Cities Category 1
- population more than 250,000

Cities and Large Towns Category 2
- population 25,000 to 250,000

Towns and Villages Category 3
- population less than 25,000
HYDROGRAPHY

Open Water

Open/Inland Water

Lakes

Label as required.

Perennial

When too numerous to show individual lakes, show representative pattern and descriptive note. Number indicates elevation.

Non-Perennial

(dry, intermittent, etc.) Illustration includes small perennial lake.

Reservoirs

Natural Shorelines

Man-made Shorelines

Label when necessary for clarity

Too small to show to scale

Under Construction
HYDROGRAPHY (Continued)

Streams
Perennial
Non-Perennial
Fanned Out
Alluvial fan
Braided
Disappearing
Seasonally Fluctuating
with undefined limits
with maximum bank limits, prominent and constant
Sand Deposits in and along riverbeds

Wet Sand Areas
Within and adjacent to desert areas

Aqueducts
To Scale
Abandoned or Under Construction
Underground

Falls
Double-Line
Single-Line

Canals
To Scale
Abandoned or Under Construction
Abandoned to Scale
Small Canals and Drainage / Irrigation Ditches
Perennial
Non-Perennial
Abandoned or Ancient
Numerous
Representative pattern and/or descriptive note.

Rapids
Double-Line
Single-Line

Suspended or Elevated
Tunnels
Kanats
Underground with Air Vents
HYDROGRAPHY (Continued)

Salt Evaporators and Salt Pans Man Exploited

Hummocks and Ridges

Peat Bogs

Rice Paddies

Extensive areas indicated by label only.

Springs, Wells and Waterholes

Swamps, Marshes and Bogs

Mangrove And Nipa

Cranberry Bogs

Land Subject To Inundation

Tundra

Permanent Snow and Ice Areas

Glaciers

Glacial Moraines

Ice Cliffs

Snowfields, Ice Fields And Ice Caps

Foreshore Flats

Tidal flats exposed at low tide.

Ice

Permanent Polar Ice

Pack Ice

Ice Peaks

APPROXIMATE MINIMUM LIMITS OF POLAR ICE FOR SEPTEMBER

APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM LIMITS OF PACK ICE FOR MARCH
HYDROGRAPHY (Continued)

Reefs-Rocky or Coral

Fish Ponds and Hatcheries

RELIEF

Contours

Basic

Approximate

Intermediate

Auxiliary

Depression (Illustration includes mound within depression)

Values

Sand or Gravel Areas

Sand Dunes

To Scale

Hachuring

Spot Elevations

Position Accurate

Position Accurate, Elevation Approximate

Highest in General Area

Highest on Chart

Mountain Pass

Distorted Surface Areas

Lava Flows

Sand Ridges

To Scale

Shaded Relief

Miscellaneous Underwater Features Not Otherwise Symbolized

Wrecks

Exposed

Rocks-Isolated

Bare or Awash
RELIEF (Continued)

Quarries To Scale

Craters

Unsurveyed Areas
Label appropriately as required

Levees And Eskers

Rock Strata Outcrop

Strip Mines, Mine Dumps And Tailings
To Scale

Eskarpments, Bluffs, Cliffs, Depressions, Etc.

Uncontoured Areas
Label appropriately as required

RELIEF DATA INCOMPLETE
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**VFR Flyway Planning Charts** are printed on the reverse sides of the Baltimore-Washington, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Orlando, New Orleans, Phoenix, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle Terminal Area Charts (TACs). The scale is 1:250,000, with area of coverage the same as the associated TACs. Flyway Planning Charts depict flight paths and altitudes recommended for use to by-pass areas heavily traversed by large turbine-powered aircraft. Ground references on these charts provide a guide for visual orientation. VFR Flyway Planning charts are designed for use in conjunction with TACs and are not to be used for navigation.

**AIRPORTS**

**Landplane**

No distinction is made between airports with fuel and those without fuel. Runways may be exaggerated to clearly portray the pattern. Hard-surfaced runways which are closed but still exist are included in the charted pattern. FAR 91 - Fixed wing special VFR operations prohibited.

**RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION**

**VHF Omni-Directional Radio Range (VOR)**

- **Identifier**
- **Frequency**
- **Mal 103.6**

**VORTAC**

**VOR-DME**

**DME**

Example: DME co-located at an airport.

**Non-Directional Radio Beacon (NDB)**

**NDB-DME**

**NAVAIDS Used to Define Class Airspace**

**CLEVELAND-HOPKINS DME ANTENNA (I-HPI) Ch 36 (110.3)**

**MINNEAPOLIS DME ANTENNA (I-MSP-I-HKZ) Ch 40 (110.3)**

(Prv): Non-public use having emergency or landmark value.

“OBJECTIONABLE”: This airport may adversely affect airspace use.

ABANDONED - Depicted for landmark value or to prevent confusion with an adjacent usable landing area. Only portrayed beneath or close to the VFR flyway routes or requested by the FAA. (Normally at least 3000’ paved).
AIRSPACE INFORMATION

Class B Airspace

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

(Mode C see FAR 91.215/AIM)

All mileages are nautical (NM).

All radials are magnetic.

Floors extending "upward and above" a certain altitude are preceded by a +. Operations at or below these altitudes are outside of the Class B Airspace.

Class C Airspace

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

(Mode C see FAR 91.215/AIM)

Class D Airspace

(A minus sign in front of the figure used to indicate "from surface to but not including...")

ALTITUDE IN HUNDREDS OF FEET MSL.

Special Airspace Areas

Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA) Relating to National Security

Example: Washington DC

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Note: Delimiting line not shown when it coincides with International Boundary, projection lines or other linear features.
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ) Relating To National Security

Example: Washington DC

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Relating To National Security

Example: Washington DC

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Special Use Airspace

Only the airspace effective below 18,000 feet MSL is shown.

The type of area shall be spelled out in large areas if space permits.

Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ)

Note: Delimiting line not shown when it coincides with International Boundary, projection lines or other linear features.
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

Special Air Traffic Rules/Airport Traffic Areas (FAR Part 93)

Appropriate boxed note as required shown adjacent to area.

Terminal Radar Service Area (TRSA)

IFR Routes

Arrival

Departure

Arrival/Departure

VFR Transition Routes

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Uni-directional

Bi-directional

Bi-directional with NAVAID Ident and Radial

Special Conservation Areas

NOAA Regulated National Marine Sanctuary Designated Areas

Mode C (FAR 91.215)

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Sporting Event Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Sites

Miscellaneous Activity Areas

Aerobatic Practice Area

Glider Operations

Hang Glider Activity

Ultralight Activity

Unmanned Aircraft Activity

Parachute Jumping Area with Frequency

Space Launch Activity Area

Example: Los Angeles

Suggested VFR Flyway And Altitude

Military Training Routes (MTR)
**VFR Checkpoints**
Underline indicates proper name of VFR Checkpoint

**VFR Waypoints**
Stand-Alone
Collocated with VFR Checkpoint

**Navigational Data**

**CULTURE**

**Railroads**
Single and Multiple Tracks

**Populated Places**
Built-up Areas

**Towns**

**BOUNDARIES**

**International**

**Obstructions**
Only obstacles greater than 999' above ground level (AGL) or specified by the local ATC Facility shall be shown.

AGL heights are not shown. High-intensity lights may operate part-time or by proximity activation.

Under Construction or reported and position/elevation unverified.

**Roads**

**Dual-Lane**

**Divided Highway Primary**

**Prominent Pictorials**

**Power Transmission Lines**

**Landmarks**
HYDROGRAPHY

Shorelines

Reservoirs

Major Lakes and Rivers

RELIEF

Spot Elevations
Position Accurate
Mountain Peaks
HELICOPTER ROUTE CHARTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Helicopter Route Charts are three-color charts that depict current aeronautical information useful to helicopter pilots navigating in areas with high concentrations of helicopter activity. Information depicted includes helicopter routes, four classes of heliports with associated frequency and lighting capabilities, NAVAIDS, and obstructions. In addition, pictorial symbols, roads, and easily-identified geographical features are portrayed. The scale is 1:125,000. These charts are updated every three years or as needed to accommodate major changes.

AIRPORTS

Landplane

All recognizable runways, including some which may be closed, are shown for visual identification.

Public

Private

Unverified

Abandoned

Seaplane

Heliport

Heliports public and private

Hospital Helipads

Trauma Center

Helipads located at major airports (when requested)

Ultralight Flight Park

Automated Terminal Information Service

Automated Surface Weather Observing Systems (shown when full-time ATIS is not available). Some ASOS/AWOS facilities may not be located at airports.

Elevation in feet

Lighting in operation Sunset to Sunshine

Lighting limitations exists, refer to Chart Supplement

UNICOM - Aeronautical advisory station

Follows the Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF)

Unverified Heliport

Airport of Entry

When lighting is lacking, the respective character is replaced by a dash.

Lighting codes refer to runway edge lights and may not represent the longest runway or full length lighting. Dashes are not shown on heliports or helipads unless additional information follows the elevation (e.g. UNICOM, CTAF).

FAA Chart User’s Guide - VFR Chart Symbology - Helicopter Charts
RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION

NAVAIDs

VHF Omni-Directional Radio (VOR) Range

Open circle symbol shown when NAVAID located on airport. Type of NAVAID shown in top of box.

Compass Rose is “reference” oriented to magnetic north.

VOR

continuous or On-Request

VORTAC

When an NDB NAVAID shares the same name and Morse Code as the VOR NAVAID the frequency can be collocated inside the same box to conserve space.

VOR-DME

Crosshatch indicates Shutdown status

DME

Flight Service Station (FSS)

Heavy line box indicates Flight Service Station (FSS)

Frequencies 121.5, 122.2, 243.0 and 255.4 (Canada 121.5, 126.7, and 243.0) are available at many FSSs and are not shown above boxes.

All other frequencies are shown.

Certain FSSs provide Airport Advisory Service, refer to Chart Supplement.

R - Receive Only

Non-Directional Radio Beacon (NDB)

Underline indicates no voice on this frequency

NDB-DME

NAVAID Used to Define Class B Airspace

Broadcast Stations (BS)

On request by the proper authority or when a VFR Checkpoint.

Remote Communications Outlet (RCO)

Frequencies above thin line box are remoted to NAVAID site.

Other FSS frequencies providing voice communications may be available as determined by altitude and terrain. Consult Chart Supplement for complete information.

Thin line box without frequencies and controlling FSS name indicates no FSS frequency available.
AIRSPACE INFORMATION

Class B Airspace

Appropriate notes as required may be shown. (Mode C see FAR 91.215/AIM)

All mileages are nautical (NM)

(Floors extending “upward from above” a certain altitude are preceded by a +. Operations at and below these altitudes are outside of Class B Airspace.)

All radials are magnetic.

Class C Airspace

Appropriate notes as required may be shown. (Mode C see FAR 91.215/AIM)

Class D Airspace

(A minus in front of the figure is used to indicate “from surface to but not including…”)

Altitudes in hundreds of feet MSL.

Class E Surface (SFC) Airspace

Special Airspace Areas

Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA) Relating to National Security

Example: Washington DC

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Note: Delimiting line not shown when it coincides with International Boundary, projection lines or other linear features.
AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

Special Airspace Areas (Continued)

Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ) Relating to National Security

Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ)

Note: Delimiting line not shown when it coincides with International Boundary, projection lines or other linear features.

Special Security Notice Permanent Continuous Flight Restriction Areas

Mode C (FAR 91.215)

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Terminal Radar Service Area (TRSA)

Appropriate notes as required may be shown.

Disneiland Theme Park
See Panel for requirements

Special Air Traffic Rules / Airport Traffic Areas (FAR Part 93)

Appropriate boxed notes as required shown adjacent to area.

Sporting Event Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Sites

Miscellaneous Activity Areas

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Parachute Jumping Area with Frequency

Space Launch Activity Area

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AIRSPACE INFORMATION (Continued)

Military Training Routes (MTR)

Police Zones

Helicopter Routes

Primary Route with Route Name and Tower Frequency

Secondary Route

Transition Symbol

Reporting Points

Non-compulsory

Compulsory

Reporting Point Name

Canadian Airspace

Class B, C or D TCA

Airspace Ceiling and Floor

Class E Control Zone

Special Conservation Areas

National Park, Wildlife Refuge, Primitive and Wilderness Areas, etc.

Special Use Airspace

Only the airspace effective below 18,000 feet MSL is shown.

The type of area shall be spelled out in large areas if space permits.

One-way Route

Altitude Changeover Point

Recommended Altitudes

Maximum Altitude

Minimum Altitude

Recommended Altitude

Class B, C or D Control Zone

NOAA Regulated National Marine Sanctuary Designated Areas

Flight operations below 1000’ AGL over the designated areas within the Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary violate NOAA regulations (see 15 CFR 622).
**VFR Checkpoints**

Underline indicates proper name of VFR Checkpoint.

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**Obstruction**

Above 299’ and below 1000’ AGL

1000’ and higher AGL

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**High-Intensity Obstruction Lights**

High-intensity lights may operate part-time or by proximity activation.

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**Navigation Data**

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**VFR Waypoints**

Stand-Alone

Collocated with VFR Checkpoint

Collocated with VFR Checkpoint & Reporting Point

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**Group Obstruction**

Above 299’ and below 1000’ AGL

1000’ and higher AGL

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**Wind Turbine Farms**

When highest wind turbine is unverified, UC will be shown after MSL value.

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**Maximum Elevation Figure (MEF)**

(see VFR Terms tab for explanation)
CULTURE
Railroads
Single Track
Double Track

Bridges

Populated Places
Built-up Areas

Roads
Dual-Lane: Divided Highways
Major Boulevards & Major Streets
Primary

Boundaries
International
State or Province

Power Transmission Lines

Prominent Pictorials

Landmarks
- Landmark - stadium, factory, school, etc.
- Lookout Tower
- Mines or Quarries
- Race Track
- Outdoor Theater
- Tank-water, oil or gas

FAA Chart User’s Guide - VFR Chart Symbology - Helicopter Chars
U.S. Airspace depiction as shown on Visual Aeronautical Charts
Excerpt from Detroit Sectional Chart
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ABBREVIATIONS

A

AAF - Army Air Field
AAS - Airport Advisory Service
AAUP - Attention All Users Page
AC - Advisory Circular
ADF - Automatic Direction Finder
ADIZ - Air Defense Identification Zone
ADS - Automatic Dependent Surveillance
ADS-B - Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast
Advsry - Advisory
AFB - Air Force Base
AFIS - Automatic Flight Information Service
AFS - Air Force Station
AFSS - Automated Flight Service Station
AGL - Above Ground Level
AIM - Aeronautical Information Manual
AIRAC - Aeronautical Information Regulation And Control
AK - Alaska
AL - Approach and Landing
ANG - Air National Guard
APP - Approach
APP CON - Approach Control
APP CRS - Approach Course
Apt - Airport
APV - Approaches with Vertical Guidance
ARP - Airport Reference Point
ARTCC - Air Route Traffic Control Center
ASDA - Accelerate-Stop Distance Available
ASDE-X - Airport Surface Detection Equipment-Model X
ASOS - Automated Surface Observing Station
ASR - Airport Surveillance Radar
ATC - Air Traffic Control
ATIS - Automatic Terminal Information Service
ATS - Air Traffic Service
AUNICOM - Automated Aeronautical Advisory Station
AWOS - Automated Weather Observing Station

B

Baro-VNAV - Barometric Vertical Navigation
BS - Broadcast Station

C

CAC - Caribbean Aeronautical Chart
CAT - Category
CFA - Controlled Firing Areas
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
CH - Channel
CL - Runway Centerline Lights
CLNC DEL - Clearance Delivery
CNF - Computer Navigation Fix
COP - Changeover Point
CPDLC - Controller Pilot Data Link Communication
CRS - Course
CT - Control Tower

CTAF - Common Traffic Advisory Frequency
CVFP - Charted Visual Flight Procedure
CZ - Control Zone (Canada)

D

DA - Decision Altitude
DA - Density Altitude
D-ATIS - Digital Automatic Terminal Information Service
DH - Decision Height
DME - Distance Measuring Equipment
DND - Department of National Defense (Canada)
DoD - Department of Defense
DOF - Digital Obstacle File
DP - Departure Procedure
DT - Daylight Savings Time
DVA - Diverse Vector Area

E

E - East
EFAS - Enroute Flight Advisory Service
EFB - Electronic Flight Bag
Elev - Elevation
EMAS - Engineered Materials Arresting System

F

FAA - Federal Aviation Administration
FAF - Final Approach Fix
FAP - Final Approach Point
FAR - Federal Aviation Regulation
FBO - Fixed-Based Operator
FIR - Flight Information Region
FL - Flight Level
FLIP - Flight Information Publication
FMS - Flight Management System
FREQ - Frequency
FRZ - Flight Restricted Zone
FSDO - Flight Standards District Office
FSS - Flight Service Station

G

GBAS - Ground-Based Augmentation System
GCO - Ground Communications Outlet
GLS - GBAS Landing System
GND - Ground
GND CON - Ground Control
GNSS - Global Navigation Satellite System
GP - Glide Path
GPS - Global Positioning System
GS - Glide Slope
GS - Ground Speed
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