

GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM
Instrument Procedures Group
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HISTORY RECORD

FAA Control # 96-01-154

SUBJECT: Requirement to Show Descent Angle on Approach

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: Recommendation Document Unavailable

RECOMMENDATION:

COMMENT:

Submitted by: Tom Young, ALPA

INITIAL DISCUSSION (MEETING 96-01): Tom Young, ALPA presented this issue. Most airlines have procedures for pilots to compute descent gradients on final approaches at 300 Ft/NM or approximately 3° in order to arrive at the MDA at a "pseudo VDP". This methodology is faulty when the actual final descent gradient on an IAP is significantly higher/lower than 300 Ft/NM. ALPA believes that the computed descent angle from FAF altitude to 50' above threshold should be depicted on IAP charts. Bill Thomas, ATA, stated that they have a charting group addressing this issue, and volunteered to provide a report at the next meeting. If adopted, this item could require a change to charting specs. ATA will provide a report at the next meeting. **Action:** Item Open (ATA)

MEETING 96-02: The group agreed that the briefing by Jim Terpstra during the discussion of ACF issue #94-02-133 satisfied the issue. **Status:** Item Closed