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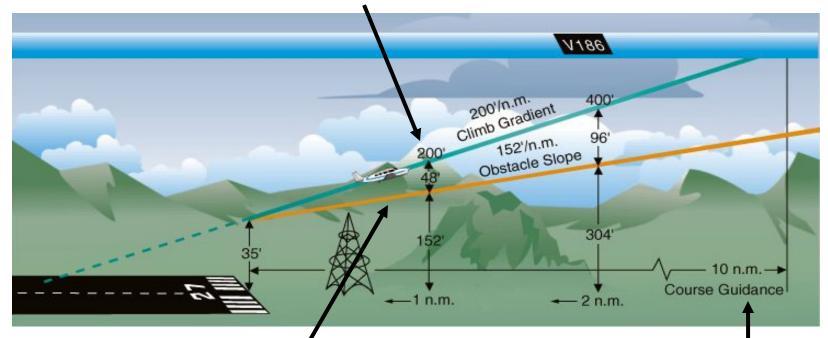


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# **Departure Standards**

Provides an obstruction free departure path is based on an aircraft climbing at least 200 feet per nautical mile after it crosses the end of the runway at least 35 ft. AGL.



A slope of 152 feet per nm is assess for obstacles. If none penetrate this slope, the 200 foot per nm climb gradient provides a minimum of 48 ft obstacle clearance for each mile of flight. If obstacles penetrate this slope, special avoidance procedures are specified. (i.e., ceilings, visibility, detailed maneuvers, and/or greater gradients, etc.)

Departure routes based on positive course guidance acquired within 10 nm from the departure end of the runway on straight departures, and 5 nm after completion of turns on departures requiring turns. Surveillance radar may be used for course guidance where available.

To convert climb gradient (ft/nm) to rate of climb in fpm you divide your groundspeed by 60 and multiply by the gradient. (ie, 200ft/nm at 90 is (90/60)\*200=300 fpm

# PILOT and VECTORED DPs

- <u>Pilot DP</u> usually contains an initial set of instructions that apply to all aircraft followed by one or more "*transition routes*" that require you to navigate with the appropriate fix within the enroute structure.
- <u>Vectored DP</u> ATC provides radar vectors that start just after take-off and continue until reaching assigned route or one of the fixes shown on the chart.

### **Departure Procedures (General)**

- ATC may assign Departure Procedures (DPs) without a specific request from the pilot
  - If you do not wish to receive the DP, indicate this in the remarks section of your flight plan
  - You may refuse a DP (*strongly* not recommended)
  - Remember: ATC may also issue a visual approach clearance without a pilot request
- In order to accept a DP, you must at least have a textual description of it

### **Departure Procedures (General)**

- Minimum climb rates may be specified in DPs
  - Chart method or calculation method
  - It is mandatory that you comply with climb rates, if unable advise ATC or don't accept the DP
- Preferred IFR routes are correlated with DPs
- The departure route description of a DP
  - Explains the DP
  - Explains the route to be used if communication is lost

### **IFR Departure Procedures**

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#### TAKE-OFF MINIMUMS AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

# INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURE CHARTS

#### **Civil Airports and Selected Military Airports**

CIVIL USERS: FAR 91 prescribes take-off rules and establishes take-off minimums for certain operators as follows: (1) Aircraft having two engines or less - one statute mile. (2) Aircraft having more than two engines - one-half statute mile. Airports with IFR take-off minimums other than standard are listed below. Departure procedures and/or ceiling visibility minimums are established to assist all pilots conducting IFR flight in avoiding obstacles during climb to the minimum enroute altitude. Take-off minimums and departures apply to all runways unless otherwise specified. Altitudes, unless otherwise indicated, are minimum altitudes in feet MSL.

MILITARY USERS: Special IFR departures not published as Standard Instrument Departure (SIDS) and civil take-off minima are included below and are established to assist pilots in obstacle avoidance. Refer to appropriate service directives for take-off minimums.

#### SITKA, AK

#### SITKA ROCKY GUTIERREZ

TAKE-OFF MINIMUMS: Rwy 11, Category A and Category B 1500-2 or std. with min. climb of 390' per NM to 1600'. Category C and Category D 2800-2 or std. with min. climb of 550' per NM to 3100. DEPARTURE PROCEDURE: Rwy 11, turn right as soon as practical to heading of 215' Rwy 29, turn left as soon as practical, intercept the BKA R-350 or SIT 170' bearing to BKA VORTAC or SIT NDB.

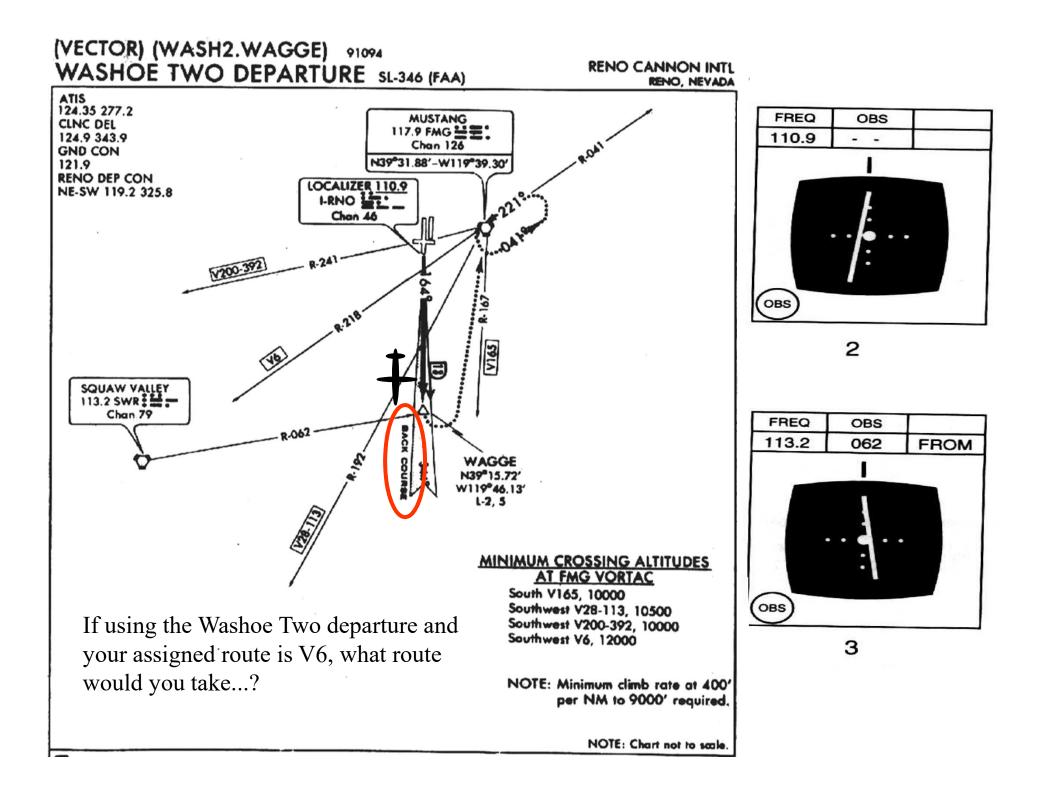
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### **Departure Route Description**

<u>TAKE-OFF RUNWAYS 16L/R:</u> Climb via I-RNO Localizer south course to WAGGE INT then via radar vectors to assigned route.

LOST COMMUNICATIONS: If not in contact with departure control within one minute after takeoff, or if communications are lost before reaching 9000', continue climb via I-RNO localizer south course to WAGGE INT, turn left, proceed direct FMG VORTAC. Cross FMG VORTAC at or above MCA, thence via assigned route or climb in holding pattern northeast on FMG R-041, left turns to cross FMG VORTAC at or above MCA for assigned route.

WASHOE TWO DEPARTURE (VECTOR) (WASH2.WAGGE)

RENO. NEVADA RENO CANNON INTL

FIGURE 85.—WASHOE TWO DEPARTURE.

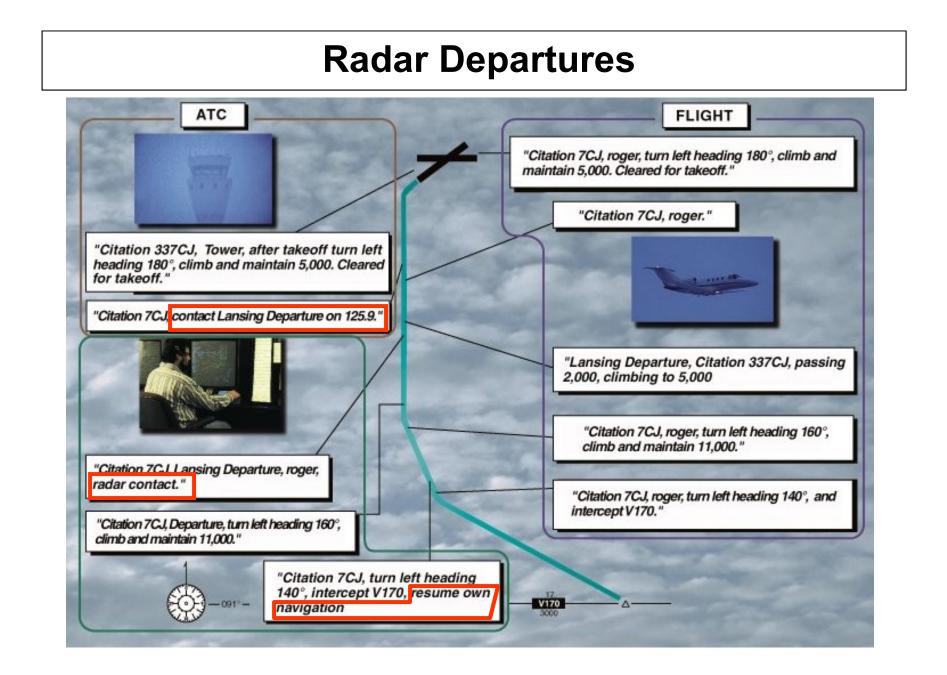
### **Takeoff Minimums**

- Standard minimums (no symbol). That symbol indicates non-standard minimums.
  - Single and twin engine airplanes 1 SM vsby
  - More than two engines 1/2 SM vsby
- Visibility may be based on
  - Prevailing visibility (expressed in SM and fractions thereof)
  - Runway Visibility Value (SM and fractions thereof)
  - Runway Visual Range (expressed in feet)
    - horizontal distance a pilot will see when looking down a particular runway

### **Runway Visual Range Conversions**

Definition	Conversion						
Touchdown RVR is the RVR visibility readout values obtained from RVR equipment serving the runway touchdown zone.	RVR (ft)	Visibility (s.m.)					
Mid-RVR is the RVR readout values obtained from RVR equipment located midfield of the runway. Roll-out RVR is the RVR readout values obtained from RVR equipment located nearest the roll-out end of the runway.	1,600 2,400 3,200 4,000 4,500 5,000 6,000	1 10					

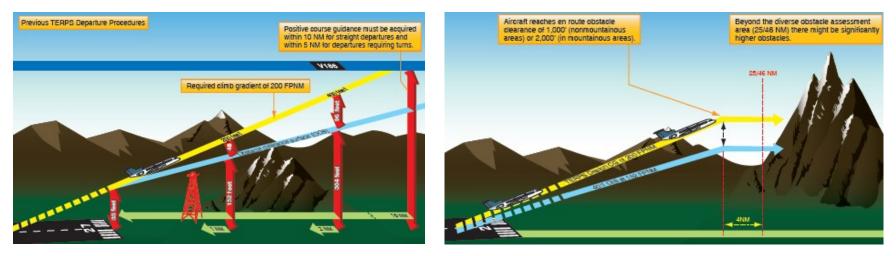
If RVR is not reported, you can convert the published approach values to miles and fractions of miles.



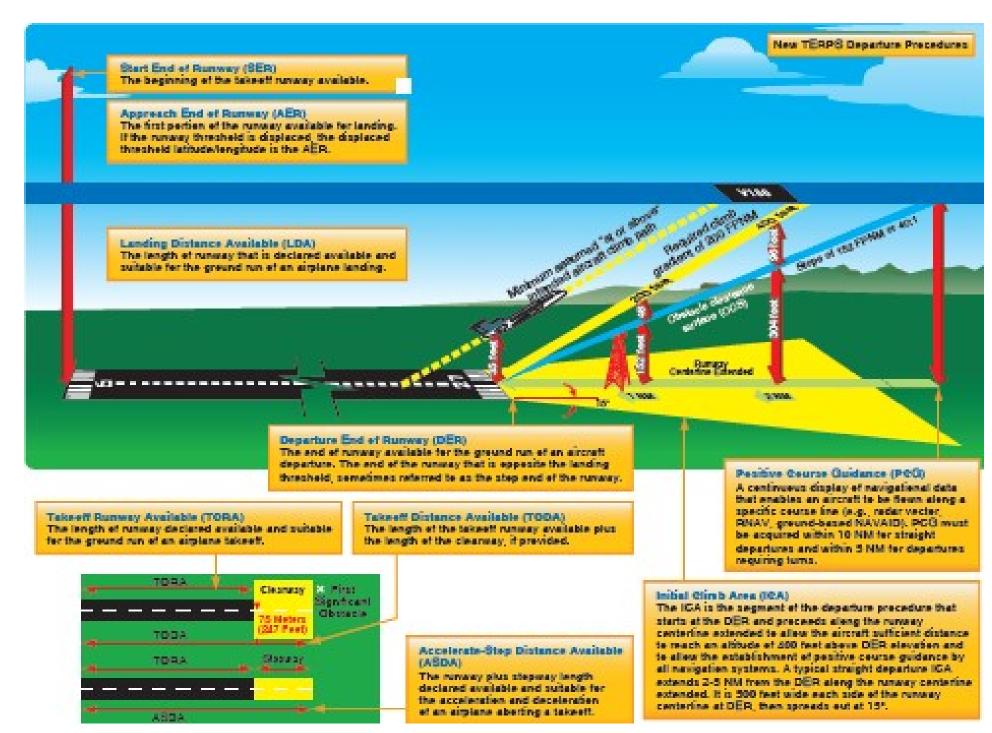
### **Departure Procedures**

Instrument departure procedures are preplanned IFR procedures that provide obstruction clearance from the terminal area to the appropriate en route structure. Primarily, these procedures are designed to provide obstacle protection for departing aircraft. There are two types of Departure Procedures (DPs): Obstacle **D**eparture Procedures (ODPs) and Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs).

When an instrument approach is initially developed for an airport, the need for an ODP is assessed. If an aircraft may turn in any direction from a runway within the limits of the assessment area and remain clear of obstacles that runway passes what is called a diverse departure assessment, and no ODP is published. A diverse departure assessment ensures that a prescribed, expanding amount of required obstacle clearance (ROC) is achieved during the climb-out until the aircraft can obtain a minimum 1,000 feet ROC in non-mountainous areas or a minimum 2,000 feet ROC in mountainous areas. Unless specified otherwise, required obstacle clearance for all departures, including diverse, is based on the pilot crossing the departure end of the runway (DER) at least 35 feet above the DER elevation, climbing to 400 feet above the DER elevation before making the initial turn, and maintaining a minimum climb gradient of 200 feet per nautical mile (FPNM), unless required to level off by a crossing restriction until the minimum IFR altitude is reached. Following ODP assessment, a SID may still be established for the purposes of ATC flow management, system enhancement, or noise abatement.

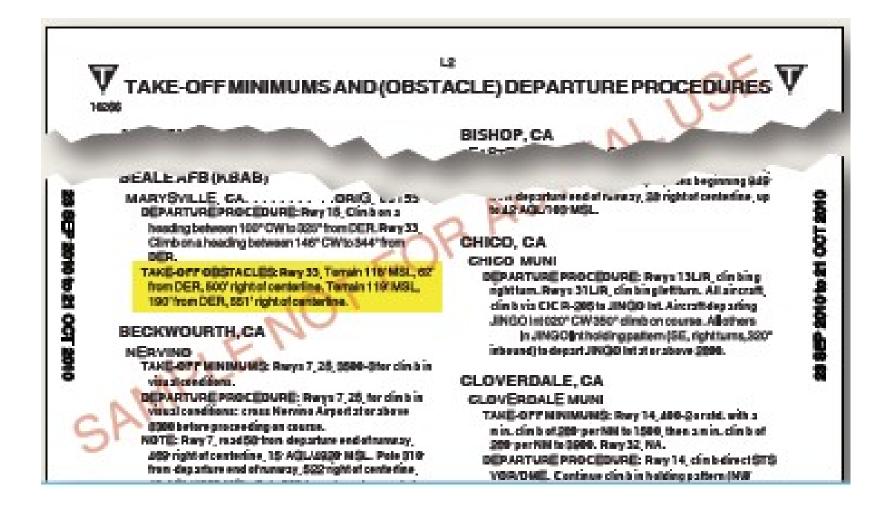


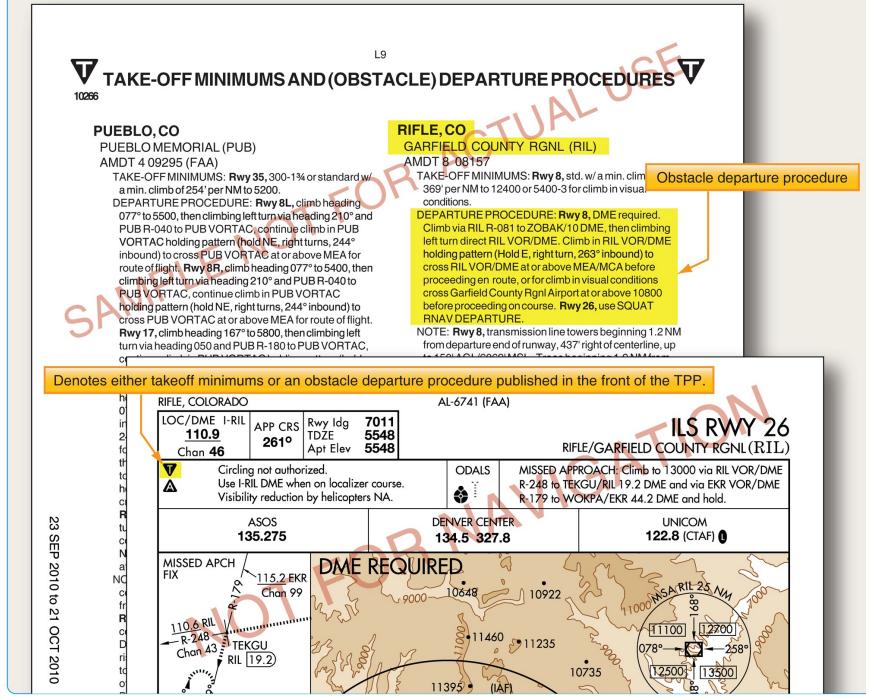
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# Take Off Minimums





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# Departure Minimum Rate of Climb

Minimum climb rates on departure procedures define Minimum rate of climb as "Feet per Nautical Mile". You must be able to convert that to rate of climb in "Feet per Minute". How? Either a climb table or hand calculate the FPM

#### Hand calculation is simple.

(groundspeed / 60) x feet per nautical mile = feet per minute.

Example: 350 ft/NM at GS=120 (120/60)x350=700 Chart reads 701

FIGURE3. RATE OF DESCENT TABLE

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### Obstacle Departure Procedures (ODPs)

The term ODP is used to define procedures that simply provide obstacle clearance. ODPs are only used for obstruction clearance and do not include ATC related climb requirements. In fact, the primary emphasis of ODP design is to use the least restrictive route of flight to the en route structure or to facilitate a climb to an altitude that allows random (diverse) IFR flight, while attempting to accommodate typical departure routes.

Only one ODP will be established for a particular runway. This is considered the default IFR departure procedure for a given runway and is intended for pilot awareness and use in the absence of ATC radar vectors or SID assignment.

Due to the complex nature of some procedures, a visual presentation may be necessary for clarification and understanding. If the ODP is charted graphically, the chart itself includes the word "Obstacle" in parentheses in the title. Additionally, all newly-developed RNAV ODPs are issued in graphical form.

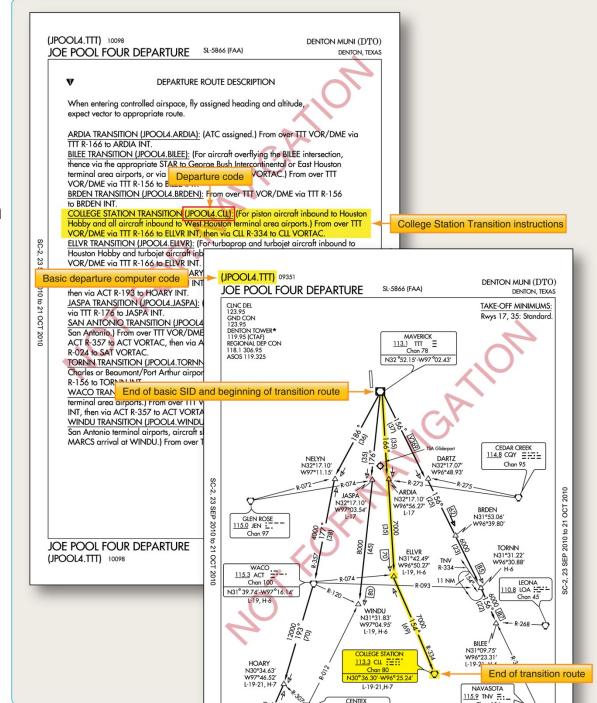
# Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs)

A SID is an ATC-requested and developed departure route, typically used in busy terminal areas. It is designed at the request of ATC in order to increase capacity of terminal airspace, effectively control the flow of traffic with minimal communication, and reduce environmental impact through noise abatement procedures.

While obstacle protection is always considered in SID routing, the primary goal is to reduce ATC/pilot workload while providing seamless transitions to the en route structure. ATC clearance must be received prior to flying a SID. SIDs also provide additional benefits to both the airspace capacity and the airspace users by reducing radio congestion, allowing more efficient airspace use, and simplifying departure clearances. All of the benefits combine to provide effective, efficient terminal operations, thereby increasing the overall capacity of the NAS.

This type of procedure usually contains an initial set of departure instructions followed by one or more transition routes. A SID may include an initial segment requiring radar vectors to help the flight join the procedure, but the majority of the navigation remains the pilot's responsibility.

If you cannot comply with a SID, if you do not possess the charted SID procedure, or if you simply do not wish to use SIDs, include the statement "NO SIDs" in the remarks section of your flight plan.



SIDs are shown in both text and graphic data

#### SID Flight Planning Considerations

Take into consideration the departure paths included in the SIDs, and determine if you can use a standardized departure procedure. You have the opportunity to choose the SID that best suits your flight plan. During the flight planning phase, you can investigate each departure, and determine which procedure allows you to depart the airport in the direction of your intended flight. Also consider how a climb gradient to a specific altitude affects the climb time and fuel burn portions of the flight plan.

Notes giving procedural requirements are listed on the graphic portion of a departure procedure, and they are mandatory in nature. [next slide]

Mandatory procedural notes may include:

- Aircraft equipment requirements (DME, ADF, etc.)
- ATC equipment in operation (radar)
- Minimum climb requirements
- Restrictions for specific types of aircraft (turbojet only)
- Limited use to certain destinations

# **SID** Altitudes

SID altitudes can be charted in four different ways. The first are mandatory altitudes, the second, minimum altitudes, the third, maximum altitudes and the fourth is a combination of minimum and maximum altitudes or also referred to as block altitudes. Below are examples of how each will be shown on a SID approach plate.

- Mandatory altitudes 5500
- Minimum altitudes 2300
- Maximum altitudes 3300
- Combination of minimum and maximum 7000 4600

Some SIDs may still have "(ATC)" adjacent to a crossing Some SIDs may still have "(ATC)" adjacent to a crossing altitude as shown in Figure 1-33 which implies that the crossing altitude is there to support an ATC requirement.

# **Crossing Altitudes**

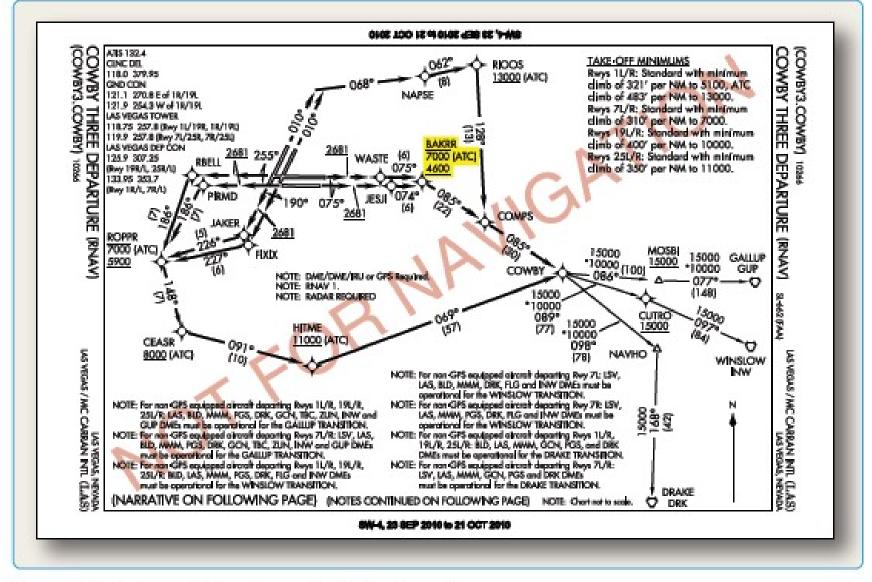
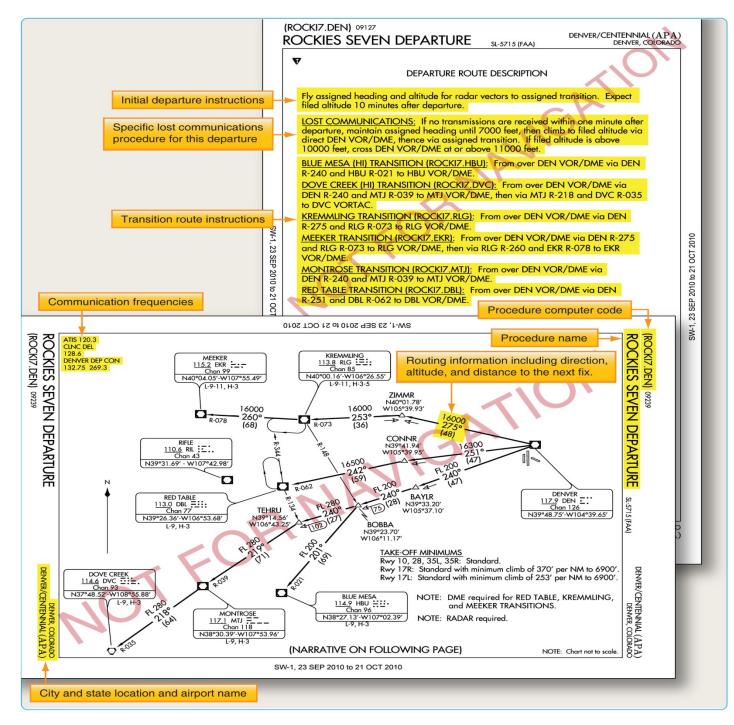
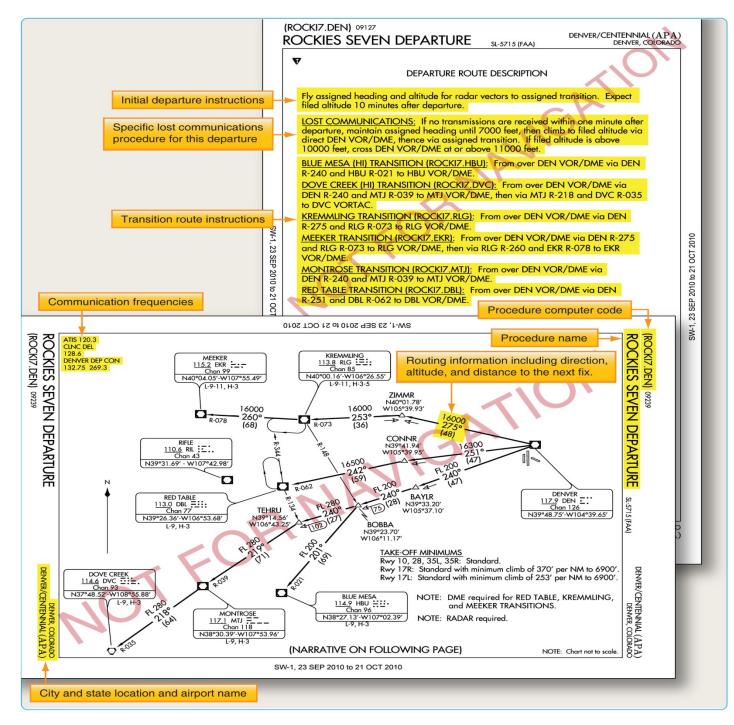


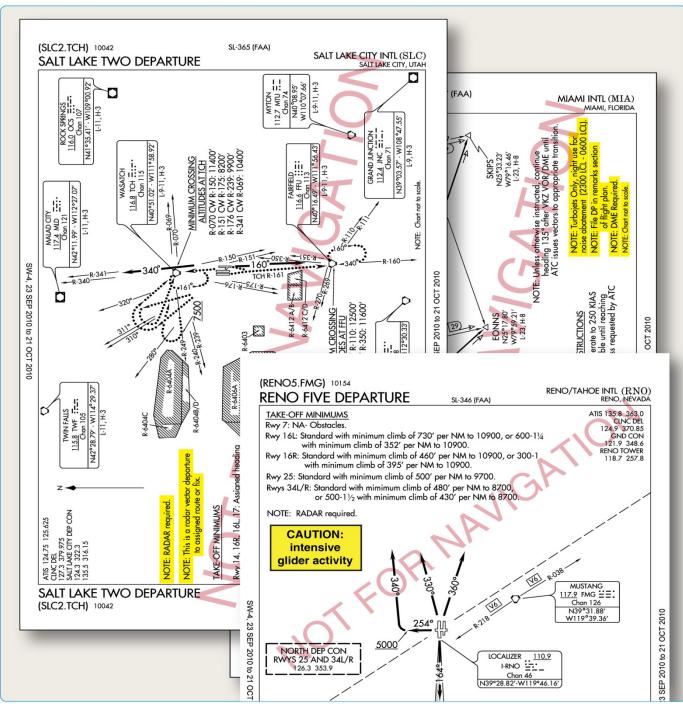
Figure 1-33. Crossing altitude is there to support an ATC requirement. Instrument Ground School 2017





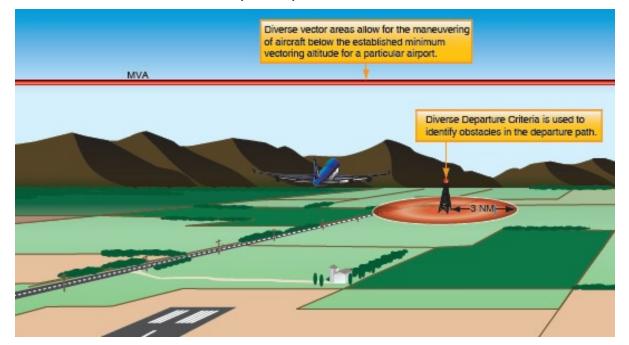
A **radar SID** usually requires ATC to provide radar vectors from just after takeoff (ROC is based on a climb to 400 feet above the DER elevation before making the initial turn) until reaching the assigned route or a fix depicted on the SID chart. Radar SIDs do not include departure routes or transition routes because independent pilot navigation is not involved. The procedure sets forth an initial set of departure instructions that typically include an initial heading and altitude. ATC must have radar contact with the aircraft to be able to provide vectors. ATC expects you to immediately comply with radar vectors, and they expect you to notify them if you are unable to fulfill their request. ATC also expects you to make contact immediately if an instruction causes you to compromise safety due to obstructions or traffic.

It is prudent to review radar SID charts prior to use because this type of procedure often includes nonstandard lost communication procedures. If you were to lose radio contact while being vectored by ATC, you would be expected to comply with the lost communication procedure as outlined on the chart, not necessarily those procedures outlined in the AIM.



#### **Diverse Vector Area**

ATC may establish a minimum vectoring altitude (MVA) around certain airports. This altitude, based on terrain and obstruction clearance, provides controllers with minimum altitudes to vector aircraft in and around a particular location. However, at times, it may be necessary to vector aircraft below this altitude to assist in the efficient flow of departing traffic. For this reason, an airport may have an established Diverse Vector Area (DVA). This DVA may be established below the MVA or Minimum IFR Altitude (MIA) in a radar environment at the request of Air Traffic. This type of DP meets the TERPs criteria for diverse departures, obstacles and terrain avoidance in which random radar vectors below the MVA/MIA may be issued to departing traffic. The existence of a DVA will be noted in the Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures section of the U.S. Terminal Procedure Publication (TPP).



DPs are also categorized by equipment requirements as follows:

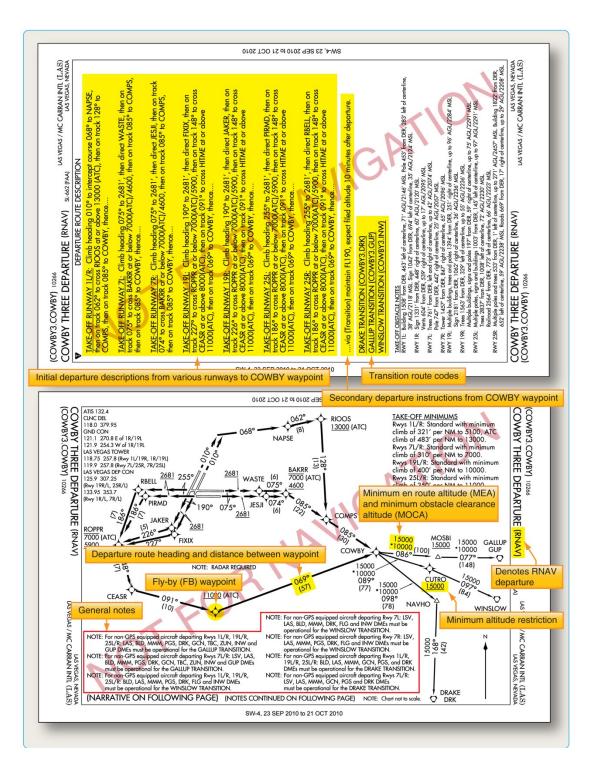
Non-RNAV DP—established for aircraft equipped with conventional avionics using ground-based NAVAIDs. These DPs may also be designed using dead reckoning navigation.

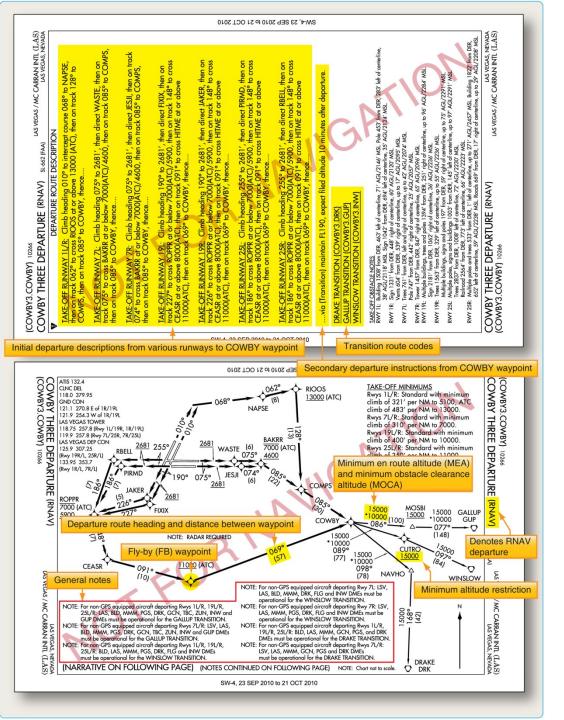
RNAV DP—established for aircraft equipped with RNAV avionics (e.g., GPS, VOR/DME, DME/DME). Automated vertical navigation is not required, and all RNAV procedures not requiring GPS must be annotated with the note: "RADAR REQUIRED."

Radar DP—radar may be used for navigation guidance for SID design. Radar SIDs are established when ATC has a need to vector aircraft on departure to a particular ATS Route, NAVAID, or fix. A fix may be a ground-based NAVAID, a waypoint, or defined by reference to one or more radio NAVAIDs.

### Area Navigation (RNAV) Departures

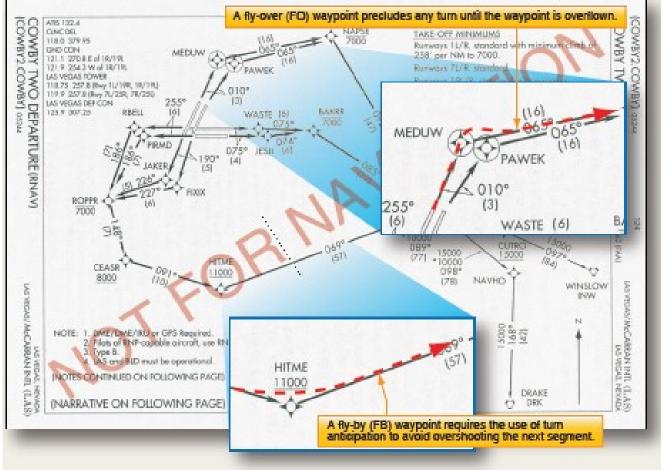
Historically, departure procedures were built around existing groundbased technology and were typically designed to accommodate lower traffic volumes. Often, departure and arrival routes use the same NAVAIDs creating interdependent, capacity diminishing routes. RNAV is a method of navigation that permits aircraft operation on any desired flight path within the coverage of ground- or spaced- based NAVAIDs or within the limits of the capability of self-contained aids or a combination of these. In the future, there will be an increased dependence on the use of RNAV in lieu of routes defined by ground-based NAVAIDs. As a part of the evolving RNAV structure, the FAA has developed departure procedures for pilots flying aircraft equipped with some type of RNAV technology. RNAV allows for the creation of new departure routes that are independent of present fixes and NAVAIDs. RNAV routing is part of the National Airspace Redesign (NAR) and is expected to reduce complexity and increase efficiency of terminal airspace.





#### Example of RNAV ODP.

DPs utilize waypoints. There are two types of waypoints currently in use: fly-by (FB) and fly-over (FO). A FB waypoint typically is used in a position at which a change in the course of procedure occurs. Charts represent them with four-pointed stars. This type of waypoint is designed to allow you to anticipate and begin your turn prior to reaching the waypoint, thus providing smoother transitions. Conversely, RNAV charts show a FO waypoint as a four-pointed star enclosed in a circle. This type of waypoint is used to denote a missed approach point, a missed approach holding point, or other specific points in space that must be flown over.



Visual Climb Over Airport (VCOA)

A visual climb over airport (VCOA) is a departure option for an IFR aircraft, operating in VMC equal to or greater than the specified visibility and ceiling, to visually conduct climbing turns over the airport to the published "climb-to" altitude from which to proceed with the instrument portion of the departure. A VCOA is a departure option developed when obstacles farther than 3 SM from the airport require a CG of more than 200 FPNM. These procedures are published in the Take-Off Minimums and (Obstacle) Departure Procedures section of the TPP. Prior to departure, pilots are required to notify ATC when executing the VCOA.

#### **Noise Abatement Procedures**

As the aviation industry continues to grow and air traffic increases, so does the population of people and businesses around airports. As a result, noise abatement procedures have become commonplace at most of the nation's airports. While most DPs are designed for obstacle clearance and workload reduction, there are some SIDs that are developed solely to comply with noise abatement requirements.

#### **DP Responsibilities**

Responsibility for the safe execution of DPs rests on the shoulders of both <u>ATC and the pilot.</u> Without the interest and attention of both parties, the IFR system cannot work in harmony, and achievement of safety is impossible.

The pilot has a number of responsibilities when simply operating in conjunction with ATC or when using DPs under an IFR clearance:

- Acknowledge receipt and understanding of an ATC clearance.
- Read back any part of a clearance that contains "hold short" instructions.
- Request clarification of clearances.
- Request an amendment to a clearance if it is unacceptable from a safety perspective.
- Promptly comply with ATC requests. Advise ATC immediately if unable to comply with a clearance.
- You are required to contact ATC if you are unable to comply with all-engines-operating climb gradients and climb rates. It is also expected that you are capable of maintaining the climb gradient outlined in either a standard or non-standard DP. If you cannot maintain a standard climb gradient or the climb gradient specified in an ODP, you must wait until you can depart under VMC.

When planning for a departure, pilots should:

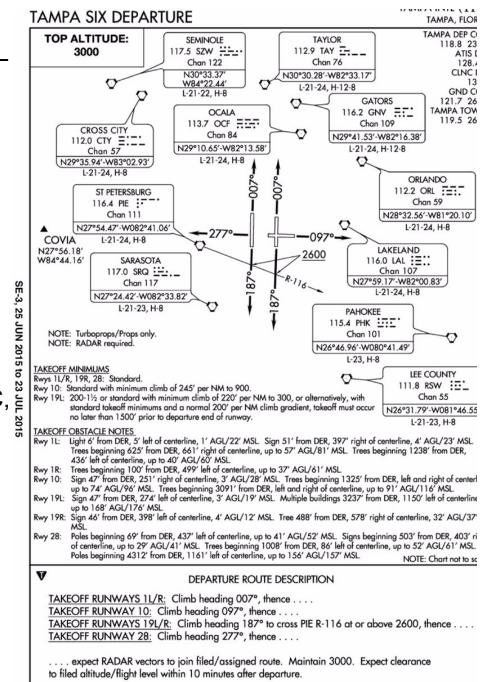
- Consider the type of terrain and other obstructions in the vicinity of the airport.
- Determine if obstacle clearance can be maintained visually, or if they need to make use of a DP.
- Determine if an ODP or SID is available for the departure airport.
- Determine what actions allow for a safe departure out of an airport that does not have Instruitan Violupe.of affiliated DPs.

#### Find published DPs in your "U.S. TERMINAL PROCEDURES" → CLASS EXERCISE ← REVIEW CONTENTS OF U.S. TERMINAL PROCEDURES (SE)

Take Off Minimums Rate of Climb Table IFR Alternate Minimums Legends Radar Minimums Arrivals, by Name (not location) IFR Approach Plates - by Location/Airport: All Approaches: ILS, RNAV(GPS), LOC, VOR, NDB, GPS Airport Diagram Departures (DPs)

"TAMPA SIX DEPARTURE" for RWY 19L Climb GS is 120 KTs & conditions are standard.

What obstacles are cautioned? What is the departure route? What is them minimum rate of climb?



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# **Departure Chart Summary Checklist**

- Charted departure procedures simplify clearances, reduce frequency congestion, ensure obstacle clearance, control traffic flow around an airport, include noise abatement procedures, and reduce fuel consumption
- Instrument departure procedures (DPs) are used after takeoff to provide a transition between the airport and enroute structures.
- When issued at DP, you must ensure your aircraft is capable of achieving the DP performance requirements.
- DPs require minimum climb gradients of at least 200 feet per nautical mile, to ensure you can clear departure path obstacles
- DPs may specify a minimum ceiling and visibility to allow you to see and avoid obstacles, a climb gradient greater than 200 feet per mile, detailed flight maneuvers, or a combination of all
- When you accept a DP in a clearance, or file one in your flight plan, you must possess the DP chart or the textual description.
- To avoid being issued DPs, enter the phrase "NO DP" in the remarks section of the flight plan.
- Pilot nav DPs allow you to navigate along a route with minimal ATC communications. They usually contain instructions to all aircraft, followed by transition routes to navigate to an enroute fix, and may include radar vectors to help join the DP.
- Jeppesen and NACO list the airport served by the procedure, the name, and the type of DP at the top of the chart.
- If you are instructed to maintain runway heading, it means you should maintain the runway magnetic heading of the runway centerline
- DP initial takeoff procedures may apply to all runways, or apply to only the specific runway identified.

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- Since the actual mileage between a given runway and the first fix varies with aircraft performance, pilot technique, and length of the radar vector, Jeppesen charts include the direct distance from the airport to the first fix.
- DP transition routes are shown with dashed lines on Jeppesen charts and with light, solid lines on NACO charts.
- The computer identification code for a transition in your flight plan informs ATC you intend to fly both the DP and appropriate transition.
- Because of the large area covered, most DPs are usually not drawn to scale.
- Vector DPs exist where ATC provides radar navigation guidance. They usually contain a heading to fly, and an altitude for the initial climb. When ATC establishes radar contact, they provide vectors to help reach fixes portrayed on the chart.
- Minimum climb gradients are given in feet per nautical mile and must be converted to feet per minute for use in departure. FPM=(climb groundspeed / 60) x feet per nautical mile.

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- Runway visibility value (RVV) is reported in statue miles or fractions of miles
- RVR represents the distance you can expect to see down the runway from a moving aircraft
- When RVR is out of service, convert published RVR values to visibility in statute miles.
- Prevailing visibility or RVR in the aviation routine weather report should normally be used only for informational purpose. The current visibility at the time of departure is the value you should use for determining compliance with takeoff minimums.
- IFR takeoff minimums do not apply to private aircraft operating under IFR and part 91, but good judgment should dictate compliance.
- If you wish to fly a graphic DP, you must possess the charted DP procedure or at least the textual description.
- Textual DPs are not assigned as a portion of your IFR clearance unless required for separation purposes.
- During the IFR departure, you should not contact departure control until advised to do so by tower.
- Radar departures are often assigned at radar-equipped approach control facilities and require close coordination with the tower
- The term "*radar contact*" means your aircraft has been identified and radar flight following will be provided until radar identification has been terminated
- During departure, terrain and obstruction clearance remains your responsibility until the controller begins to provide navigation guidance in the form of radar vectors.
- *"Resume own navigation"* is a phrase used by ATC to advise you to assume responsibility for your own navigation.