LGSR VOR 15

Lufthansa Systems interpretation (2022)

In this short memo, I'll conduct a review of some key differences between LIDO and Jeppesen charts. NavBlue charts won't be covered here.

The Jeppesen chart will be on the left hand side !



The LIDO chart will be on the right hand side.

Here at the center of this page, we show the official State publication for the same approach that we shall use as an instance.

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Depending on operators' flight standards and approvals any procedure flown with CDFA technique may be flown down to the published Non-Precision approach MDA/H using these values as DA/H. Lido publishes whenever possible a CDFA procedure. The minima shown in the Lido/RouteManual are calculated for CDFA except otherwise indicated within the minima section. For operations using conventional step down final approach technique refer to:

 \Rightarrow Rules and Regulations General Information 8.10.6.2 RVR/CMV vs. DH/MDH .

DA/MDA: Will be derived by Lido from the state published OCA or DA/MDA rounded up to the next 10ft but never below lowest permissible.



A vertical profile for a VOR approach by LIDO, 2022

Look how the LIDO charts clearly shows that the aircraft can maintain 3500 ft until 10,4 NM of SNI to start a continuous descent to the minimum.





Presentation of the minima, an evolution between pre-2019 charts and current charts when updated

Jeppesen followed the recommendation to fly non precision approaches with a CDFA technique, which can be found for instance in the FAA advisory circular 120-108 dated January 2011 (or ICAO DOC 9365). The move in the recent years was to extend 3D operations to non-precision approaches (*via* CDFA to a decision altitude).

> Last segment of the vertical profile now drawn without level-off

Minima now displayed with "DA" (for CDFA)

Reminder as a foot note : the label "DA/H" is from a State minimum OCA/H without loss height adjustment

24th of March, 2006







Jeppesen SID and STAR charts, as of July 2024, have not all be renovated to the new concept. This arrival chart on the right was updated on 24 MAY 24, only a small update was made, not the renovation to the new charting concept. The procedures are NOT TO SCALE and no geographical context is shown.

Those charts were able to depict all the information required for flying, an heritage from a time when the charts were printed black and white in paper, then sent to the customers.

Nowadays, it becomes possible to put more information (like the geographical elements) without disturbing the essential information.

Not to scale.



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Let's study the hesitations Jeppesen's customer had to face in the recent years by using an example

The chart below is the State chart was published by a State ministry of transportation around 2014 for a VOR approach.



Obstacle clearance height (OCH) is the height on an instrument approach with

the minimum permitted clearance above obstacles on the final approach.

It does not take into account :

- the limitations associated with the navaid (system minimums)
- nor airplane minimums.

Thus the **minimum descent height (MDH)** – or the decision height for precision approaches) is the highest of the OCH, the system minimums or the airplaneassociated minimums.

Here the State does not publish an MDH officialy, only an OCA(H).

What Jeppesen did



The legacy presentation. The final path is displayed as flow until the level off at the minimum descent altitude (MDA), maintained if the runway cannot be detected until the missed approach point (M), where the missed approach is initiated.

The non precision approach was depicted for what it is : a non precision approach, with the specific concept of the MDA.

And yet this does not prevented to fly this as a continuous descent final if desired (each airline may at its discretion derive a decision altitude from the MDA by adding a small marging).





After 2010, Jeppesen remakes the charts. **« DA »** was then labelled on those non precision approach charts.

The intention of Jeppesen was to make a transition fo CDFA profiles to depict the non precision approaches but CDFA was not explicitly mentioned on them. That was not expected at first to read a DA on a non-precision procedure, which were flown for years with a dive and level-off method down to MDA/H.

Therefore at the same time in a Jeppesen set for a NPA chart, older charts not yet updated could use the classical depiction with a MDA label (suited to 2D operation method), while more recent charts carried a decision altitude label (suited to 3D ops).



Since, Jeppesen revised their charting convention again.

On revised CDFA charts, **the improved minima box makes explicitly the mention of the continuous descent technique** and suggests this MDA should be treated as a DA, to execute a missed approach when reaching this altitude according to the CDFA flight technique (3D ops).

But the under-laying value is still an MDA : Jeppesen "does NOT include an add-on when publishing a DA(H) for a CDFA non-precision approach", they say. Actually for this very approach what is labeled as DA here is the OCA(H) value in feet published by the State.

Jeppesen rightfully aimed at coping with the recommandation to fly non precision approaches with a CDFA technique, which can be found for instance in the FAA advisory circular 120-108 dated January 2011 (or ICAO DOC 9365). The move in the recent years was to extend the 3D operations (via the technique of CDFA to a decision altitude) to non-precision approach procedures. Yet the evolution of Jeppesen charting convention was hesitant.





This was not the end, since a definitive (?) evolution of the convention was recently published by **adding a foot note on each plate** with explicitly explains that <u>the DA mentioned is in fact an MDA</u> which does not include a height loss adjustment for the CDFA flying technique.



Want to know more about the aerodrome minima ? Please consult my paper on the subject.

Flying to Aerodrome Operating Minima



https://forums.x-plane.org/index.php?/files/file/53495-non-precisions-and-apv-approa ches-what-really-is-this-minimum-on-the-chart/



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ICAO document « Manual of All-weather Operations » makes a clear distinction between approach procedures and approach operations.

An **Instrument approach procedure** is the instrument flight procedure allowing an aircraft to navigate on the final approach down to a given obstacle clearance height (OCH), relying on a given type of navigational infrastructure.

Procedures are classified as either :

- non-precision (NPA) ;
- approach procedure with a vertical guidance (APV);
- precision approach (PA) procedure.

An operation method, is the manner in which an operated aircraft will follow the procedure. The classification approach operations is based on the performance, or ability to join an aerodrome minima throughout a flight method.

<u>A 2D operation</u> uses lateral navigation only. All 2D operations are classified as type A and are flown to an MDA/H.

<u>3D approach</u> operations use both lateral and vertical navigation guidance. LNAV/VNAV operations are an example of 3D operation method.

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Options to gather charts for flight simulation

1) European State charts official and first-hand, for free, with an **EAD Basic** account : https://www.ead.eurocontrol.int/fwf-eadbasic/restricted/user/aip/aip_overview.faces

Attention !

2) AviaPlanner, by UFETA LLC, has LIDO charts

https://aviaplanner.com/#sectionProducts

Verified on July 2024 : all TEMPO, SID INIT, SIDPT LIDO charts are <u>missing</u> from the Aviaplanner LIDO charts package.

So for a start, a price at UFETA of 30 \$ yearly (27,52 €) for the annual AviaPlanner access is a similar price to what we paid for charts-only products till 2021 at Aerosoft and Navigraph, but with some data loss due to some missing LIDO plates.

I see on the forums that people are enthusiastic about the cheap AviaPlanner package. I say : no, it's not cheap, it's the same at the moment for charts only products !



2) Navigraph has the Jeppesen charts in Navigraph Unlimited https://navigraph.com/account/subscription



3) Aerosoft **NavDataPro** (charts and navdata) has <u>complete</u> LIDO charts End of service in 12/2024.

https://www.aerosoft.com/fr/boutique/flight/p3d-fsx/flightsimulator-x/utilitares/1484/navdatapro-charts-one-monthaccess

Prices for charts-only products, when the where last available.





The document provides a comparative analysis of Jeppesen and LIDO charts used in aviation.

The key differences highlighted include:

Chart Format and Presentation:

Jeppesen charts traditionally use a dive and level-off method down to the Minimum Descent Altitude (MDA), while more recent revisions have introduced the concept of Decision Altitude (DA) for non-precision approaches using Continuous Descent Final Approach (CDFA) techniques. LIDO charts, by contrast, integrate various pieces of information such as geographical elements and minimum sector altitudes more seamlessly.

Charting Conventions:

Jeppesen has undergone several revisions in its charting conventions to better align with CDFA recommendations, often leading to confusion among users due to inconsistent labeling and the addition of explanatory footnotes. LIDO charts tend to provide a clearer, more integrated presentation, which is consistent across different types of charts.

Operational Techniques:

The evolution of Jeppesen charts reflects a shift towards promoting 3D operations (using both lateral and vertical navigation guidance) even for non-precision approaches. LIDO charts consistently support this integrated approach, aiding pilots in maintaining situational awareness and ensuring safer operations.

User Experience:

The document discusses user experiences with both Jeppesen and LIDO charts, noting that Jeppesen's frequent changes have led to some confusion, whereas LIDO's approach has been praised for its clarity and consistency. The document also resumes which aviation charts are available for flight simulation users at this date (2024) through suppliers such as Aerosoft (NavDataPro), Navigraph (Navigraph Unlimited), Ufeta (Aviaplanner) or EAD basic.

Keywords

Jeppesen charts - LIDO charts - Aviation navigation - Minimum Descent Altitude (MDA) - Decision Altitude (DA) - Continuous Descent Final Approach (CDFA) - Non-precision approach - 3D operations - Charting conventions - User experience - Instrument flight procedure