## 1. PURPOSE:
This policy establishes initial altitude assignments for towered facilities.

## 2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
The Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for this Policy is the ZLA Facility Staff. This Policy was originally drafted by Mike Cassel, ZLA Air Traffic Manager, on October 14, 2014. It was last updated by Nick Christopher, ATM, and Matthew Kramer, DATM, on September 18, 2023. This Policy shall be maintained, revised, updated or canceled by the ZLA Facility Staff. Any suggestions for modification/amendment to this Policy should be sent to the ZLA Facility Staff.

## 3. DISTRIBUTION:
This quick reference guide is intended for use by controllers staffing any position that provides clearance delivery services to aircraft.

## 4. REQUIREMENTS:
The following altitudes shall be assigned by the clearance delivery controller to IFR departures unless otherwise coordinated. If an aircraft's filed cruise altitude is lower than the altitude specified here, assign the lower altitude. In case of conflict with airport SOP, refer to the airport SOP.

All aircraft should be told to expect their filed cruise altitude 5 minutes after departure unless their cruise altitude is also their initial altitude.

**KEY**
- M xxxx: "Maintain (altitude)"
  - Example: M4000 = "Maintain 4000."
- CVS: "Climb via SID."
- CVX xxxx: "Climb via SID except maintain (altitude)"
  - Example: CVX 5000 = "Climb via SID except maintain 5000."

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## SoCal TRACON (SCT)

### SCT Area 1 - Burbank

| Airport | Route | Initial Altitude |
|---|---|---|
| Burbank Airport (BUR) | ELMOO SIDs | CVX 4000 |
| | All other | M 4000 |
| Van Nuys Airport (VNY) | All | M 4000 |
| Whiteman Airport (WHP) | All | M 5000 |

### SCT Area 2 - Los Angeles
N/A

### SCT Area 3 - Empire

| Airport | Route | Initial Altitude |
|---|---|---|
| Bermuda Dunes (UDD) | All | M 4000 |
| Brackett Field (POC) | All | M 4000 |
| Cable Airport (CCB) | All | M 4000 |
| Chino Airport (CNO) | All | M 4000 |
| Corona Airport (AJO) | All | M 4000 |
| El Monte Airport (EMT) | All | M 3000 |
| Flabob (RIR) | All | M 4000 |
| French Valley (F70) | All | M 6000 |
| Hemet (HMT) | All | M 6000 |
| Ontario Airport (ONT) | POM, SNSHN SIDs | CVX 10000 |
| | NIKKL, RAJEE SIDs | CVX 7000 |
| | All other | M 4000 |
| Palm Springs Airport (PSP) | HWRDD, JEEON, YUCCA SIDS | CVX 8000 |
| | All other | M 8000 |

| Riverside Municipal Airport (RAL) | All | M 4000 |
|---|---|---|
| Redlands Municipal (REI) | All | M 6000 |
| San Bernardino Airport (SBD) | RWY 24 | M 4300 |
| | RWY 06 | M 6000 |
| | JADKO RWY 06 | CVX 7000 |

## SCT Area 4 - Coast

| Airport | Route | Initial Altitude |
|---|---|---|
| Fullerton Airport (FUL) | All | M 2000 |
| John Wayne Airport (SNA) | ELB, CHANL, MUSEL SIDs | M 5000 |
| | ANAHM, HAWWC SIDs | M 2000 |
| | All other SIDs | CVX 5000 |
| | No SID J/M Class | M 5000 |
| | No SID P/Q Class | M 2000 |
| Long Beach Airport (LGB) | FRITR, ZOOOM SIDs | M 3000 |
| | TOPMM SID | CVX 3000 |
| | All other | M 2000 |

## SCT Area 5 - San Diego

| Airport | Route | Initial Altitude |
|---|---|---|
| Palomar Airport (CRQ) | All | M 3000 |
| Montgomery Airport (MYF) | All | M 4000 |
| Ramona Airport (RNM) | All | M 5000 |
| Lindbergh Airport (SAN) | CWARD SID | CVX (cruise alt.) |
| | CLSSY,ECHHO, PADRZ, SAYOW, ZZOOO SIDs | CVS |

| Lindbergh Airport (SAN) | BRDR SID | M 8000 |
| | FALCC, MMOTO SIDs | CVX 8000 |
| | PEBLE SID (J Class) PEBLE SID (M Class) | CVX 15000 CVX 14000 |
| | All other | M 5000 |
| Brown Airport (SDM) | All | M 4000 |
| Gillespie Airport (SEE) | All | M 4000 |

## SCT Area 6 - Del Rey

| Airport | Route | Initial Altitude |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Hawthorne Airport (HHR) | All | M 2000 |
| Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) | West Traffic | CVX 5000 |
| | East Traffic | CVX 3000 |
| | No SID East & West | M 3000 |
| Santa Monica Airport (SMO) | All | M 3000 |

## Las Vegas TRACON (L30)

| Airport | Route | Initial Altitude |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Las Vegas International Airport (LAS) | RNAV SIDs | CVS |
| | All other | M 7000 |
| North Las Vegas Airport (VGT) | NOTWN SID | CVS |
| | All other | M 7000 |
| All other L30 airports | SID | CVX 7000 |
| | No SID | M 7000 |

## Santa Barbara TRACON (SBA)

| Airport | Route | Initial Altitude |
|---|---|---|
| Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) | All | M 3000 |
| All other SBA TRACON airports | All | M 5000 |

## Bakersfield TRACON (BFL)
All BFL TRACON Airports: M 3000

## Point Mugu RAPCON (NTD)
All NTD RAPCON Airports: M 4000

## Joshua Control Facility (JCF)
PMD, VCV, WJF: M 7000
All other JCF Airports: M 8000

## Yuma RAPCON (NYL)
All NYL RAPCON Airports: M 5000

## Other / No TRACON
All other airports not served by a TRACON: M 10000