

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
Chino Airport (CNO)	All	M 4000
El Monte Airport (EMT)	All	M 4000
Ontario Airport (ONT)	POM, SNSHN SIDs	CVX 10000
	NIKKL, RAJEE SIDs	CVX 7000
	All other	M 4000
Brackett Field (POC)	All	M 4000
Palm Springs Airport (PSP)	All	M 8000
Riverside Municipal Airport (RAL)	All	M 4000
San Bernardino Airport (SBD)	All	M 4000

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 4000
Montgomery Airport (MYF)	All	M 4000
Ramona Airport (RNM)	All	M 5000
Lindbergh Airport (SAN)	CWARD SID	CVX (cruise alt.)
	ECHHO, PADRZ, SAYOW, ZZOOO SIDs	CVS
	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