

AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM
Charting Group
ACF 11-01
RECOMMENDATION DOCUMENT

FAA Control # (11-01-234)

Subject:

VOR test frequencies.

Background/Discussion:

VOR test frequencies also known as VOT's are currently only available in the Airport Facilities Directory. These frequencies are important enough that they should be readily available in a number of online formats especially when someone is looking at the online airport information or the downloaded kneeboard formats that are available from a number of providers.

Recommendations:

List the VOT frequencies on online airport listings, instrument charts, approach plates and sectional charts. Make them very easy to find.

Comments: This recommendation affects all pilots that use VOR's for navigation. They are required by law to check the VOR every 30 days. Make the information readily available in a number of areas.

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MEETING 11-01: Mr. John Moore, FAA/AJV-3B, briefed the issue on behalf of the submitter. The request is to publish VOT frequencies on IFR and VFR charts and online publications. Mr. Moore noted that the FAA publishes VOR Test Frequency information in the A/FD, which is also available to the public for free through the FAA AeroNav Products website.

Mr. Lev Prichard, APA – American Airlines, agreed that having VOR Test Frequency information on the charts would be beneficial. The discussion broadened as to where would be the best place and chart(s) to have VOR Test Frequency information appear.

NGA charts VOR Test frequencies in the Comm data area on the Airport Diagram.

Jeppesen provides the same information within their Airport Diagram charts (10-9).

ACTION: Ms. Valerie Watson, FAA/AJV-3B, will coordinate internally with Mr. Bob Carlson of the Visual Chart and Airport Mapping Team for an impact statement and with the IACC as necessary regarding depiction of VOT frequencies on airport diagrams. Ms. Watson will report back at the next ACF.

MEETING 11-02: Mr. Bob Carlson, FAA/AJV-322, and Ms. Valerie Watson, FAA/AVJ-3B, reported that 99 locations are affected and that adding VOT information to airport diagrams was manageable.

There was a consensus to proceed with adding VOT frequencies to the Comm data of airport diagrams where on-airport VOTs exist.

ACTION: Ms. Valerie Watson, FAA/AJV-3B, to prepare an IACC Specification change and process accordingly. Ms. Watson will report on progress at next ACF.

MEETING 12-01: Ms. Valerie Watson, FAA/AJV-3B, reported that she had briefed the MPOC on the proposal to have VOR Test Facility (VOT) frequencies depicted on airport diagrams. The MPOC reviewed the matter and was not in favor of adding VOTs to airport diagrams and put forth a counter a proposal.

The MPOC proposes that VOT frequencies be published in the AF/D within the individual airport entries where ground-based, on-airport VOTs exist. The current consolidated VOR Test Facility (VOT) listing in the back of the AF/D will be retained as it is a useful way for pilots to locate an airport with a VOT in a given area.

Mr. John Moore, FAA/AJV-22, voiced a concern regarding the duplication of information within a single publication and the associated potential for error or conflict of data. Mr. Bob Carlson, FAA/AJV-322, responded that the airport entry data and, in the near future, the back matter A/FD data would be electronically extracted from the NASR subscriber files and would always match.

Mr. Rich Boll, NBAA, discussed how pilots in the field, when utilizing the PDF version of the A/FD, have to search through the document to find VOT information where it currently resides in the back matter. Having the VOT information on the airport page would help pilots find the information quicker when utilizing electronic editions.

Based on the consensus of the discussion, Ms. Watson motioned that the former MPOC proposal regarding VOT frequencies on airport diagrams be withdrawn and guidance be submitted to the Airport Mapping Team to initiate VOT frequency publication in individual airport entries in the Flight Supplements. The motion received support.

STATUS: CLOSED