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RNP AR Procedure Design Final Approach Segment

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Required Navigation Performance Authorization
Required (RNP AR) Procedure Design Manual

- **Upon completion of this module, you will be able to:**
 - • Explain RNP navigation accuracy requirements for final approach segment
 - • Describe FAP (Final Approach Point) positioning and calculation methods
 - • Apply RF leg design criteria in final approach segment
 - • Calculate Vertical Path Angle (VPA) and temperature limitations
 - • Understand VEB (Vertical Error Budget) and OAS (Obstacle Assessment Surface)

RNP Navigation Accuracy Requirements



- **Accuracy Range:**
 - • Least Stringent: 0.3 NM
 - • Most Stringent: 0.1 NM
- **Key Principle:**
 - More stringent RNP only if significant operational advantage obtained
- **Multiple Minima:**
 - • When RNP < 0.3 NM published, also publish OCA/H for RNP 0.3 NM
 - • If 0.3 NM not possible, use highest practicable RNP

- **Length Requirements:**
 - • Maximum Length: Not specified
 - • Minimum Length: Per PANS-OPS Vol.II Part I Sec 4 Chap 5
- **Critical Requirements:**
 - ✓ Must accommodate descent required
 - ✓ Must provide straight stabilized segment prior to OCA/H

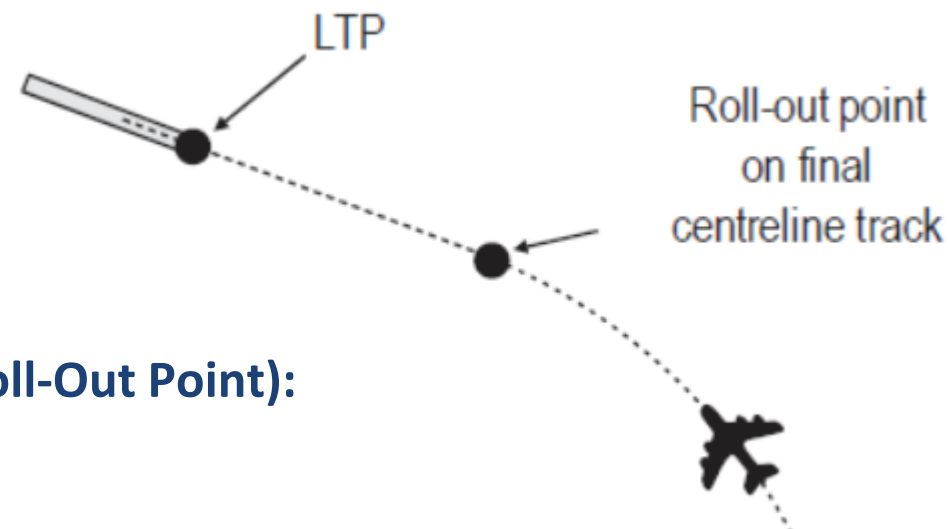
Alignment - Straight-in Approaches



- **Optimum: TF segment straight from FAP to LTP on runway centreline**
- **Permitted Offset (max 5°):**
 - a) Intercept height \geq 55 m (180 ft) above LTP
 - b) OCA/H \geq Intercept altitude + 20 m (66 ft)
 - c) Chart annotation: 'Final approach track offset X.X degrees'
- **⚠ NOT permitted as noise abatement measure**

Turns in Final Approach - RF Legs

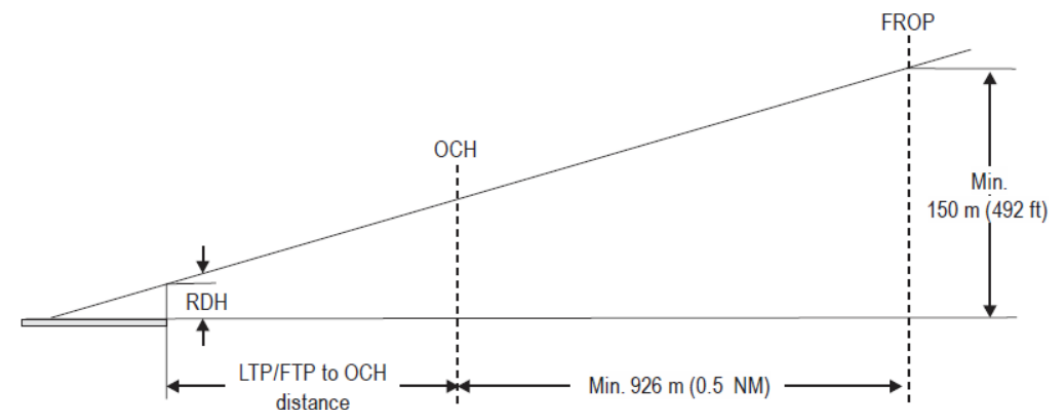
Turn Type	Permitted
RF Leg	✔ Yes
Fly-by Turn	✘ No



- **Straight Segment Required (FROP - Final approach Roll-Out Point):**

- **Greater of:**

- a) Altitude: $D_{150} = (150 - RDH) / \tan(VPA)$ meters
 - or $(492 - RDH) / \tan(VPA)$ feet
- b) Distance: 926 m (0.5 NM) before OCA/H

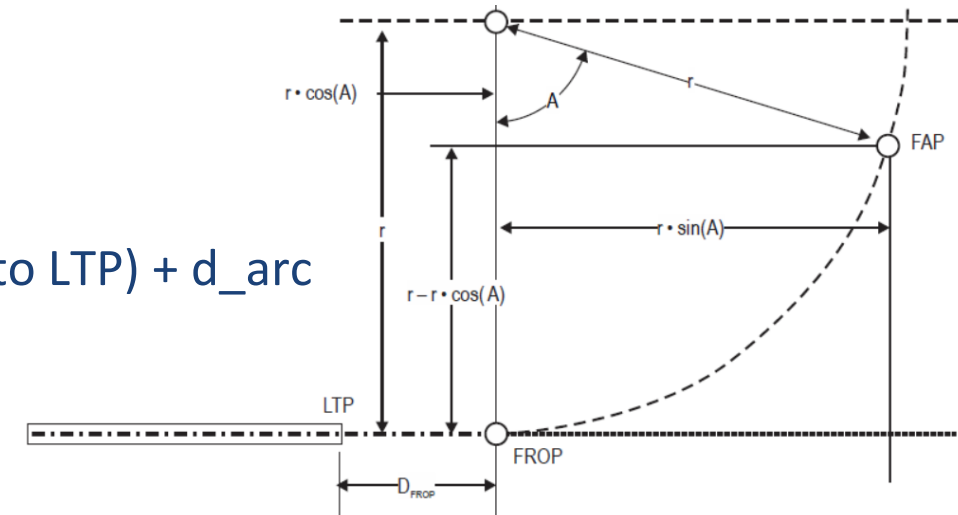


FAP Location and Calculation

- **FAP Definition:**
 - Point where VPA from RDH above LTP intersects intermediate altitude

- **Straight Segment Coordinates:**
 - • Use reciprocal of final approach true track (true track - 180°)
 - • Calculate geodetically from LTP/FTP

- **With RF Leg:**
 - $D_{FAP} = (a - RDH) / \tan(VPA) = d(\text{Distance from FROP to LTP}) + d_{arc}$
 - Where: a = FAP altitude - THR elevation



Vertical Path Angle Requirement



- **VPA Limits:**
 - • Minimum: 2.5°
 - • Optimum: 3.0°
 - • Maximum Effective: 3.5°
- **Conditions:**
 - a) Effective VPA at min temp $\geq 2.5^\circ$
 - b) Effective VPA at max temp $\leq 3.5^\circ$
- **Chart Publication Required:**
 - • Temp where effective VPA exceeds 3.5°
 - • Minimum authorized temperature limit

RDH and VASIS Coordination



- **RDH Values:**
 - • Standard: 15 m (50 ft)
 - • Short runways (Code 1&2): min 12 m (40 ft)
- **VASIS(visual approach slope indicator system) Coordination:**
 - • Optimize VPA to equal VASIS GP angle at prevailing temp
 - • Chart note required if difference $> 0.2^\circ$

Temperature Effects



- **Principle:**
 - BARO-VNAV vertical guidance affected by ISA deviation

- **ISA Calculation:**

SI	$ISA_{airport} = 15 - (0.0065 \times Airport_{elev}) \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$
Non-SI	$ISA_{airport} = 15 - (0.00198 \times Airport_{elev}) \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$

Temperature Effects



- **Principle:**
 - BARO-VNAV vertical guidance affected by ISA deviation
- **Use 5-year history (or longer) for temperature range**
- **Determine coldest temperature in month with lowest average temperature for each year**
- **Average of 5 values = average coldest temperature**
 - Calculate: $\Delta ISA_{LOW} = -(ISA^{\circ}C - ACT^{\circ}C)$
 - ACT = Average Coldest Temperature

Minimum VPA Calculation

- **Min VPA = Greater of**

- 2.5° or:

- $$\text{Min VPA} = \arctan \left[\frac{a - RDH - \Delta h}{D_{FAP}} \right]$$

L_0	Standard temperature lapse rate (-0.0065°/m or -0.00198°/ft)
T_0	Standard temperature at sea level (288.15 K)
h_{THR}	THR elevation

- **Where:**

- $$\Delta h = \left(\frac{\Delta ISA_{LOW}}{L_0} \right) \times \ln \left[1 + \frac{L_0 \times a}{T_0 + L_0 \times h_{THR}} \right]$$

- **Published Limit:**

- NA below = ISA + ΔISA_{LOW}
- published low temperature limitation: “NA below”

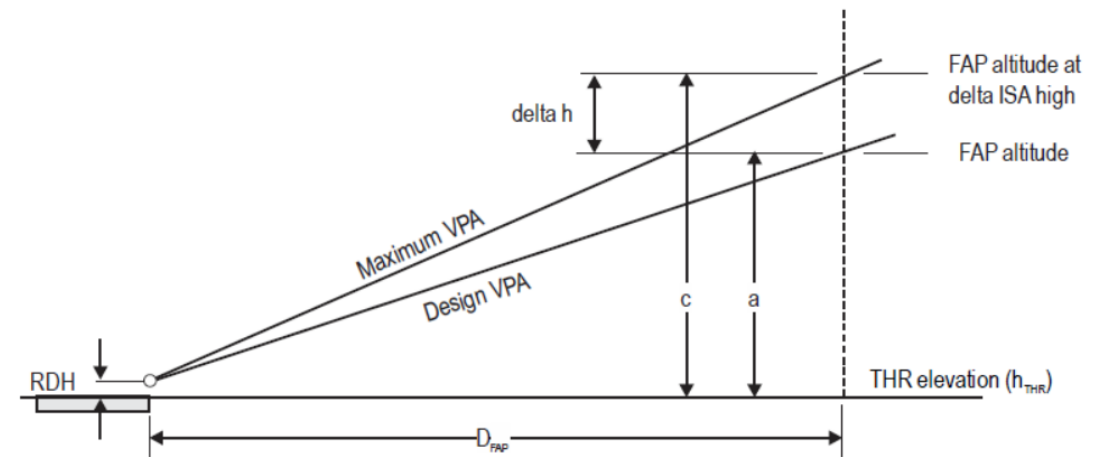
High Temperature Limit



- Calculate ΔISA_{HIGH} for effective VPA = 3.5° :

$$\Delta ISA_{HIGH} = L_0 \times \frac{\tan(3.5^\circ) \times D_{FAP} + RDH - a}{\ln \left[1 + \frac{L_0 \times a}{T_0 + L_0 \times h_{THR}} \right]}$$

- **Published Limit:**
 - STEEPabove = $ISA_{airport} + \Delta ISA_{HIGH}$
 - published high temperature: STEEPabove



- Parameters

Parameter	Source
D_{VEB} (OAS origin distance from LTP)	Appendix A (SI) or B (non-SI)
OAS Gradient	Appendix A or B

- OAS Height Calculation:

- $OAS_{HGT} = OAS_{gradient} \times (x - D_{VEB})$

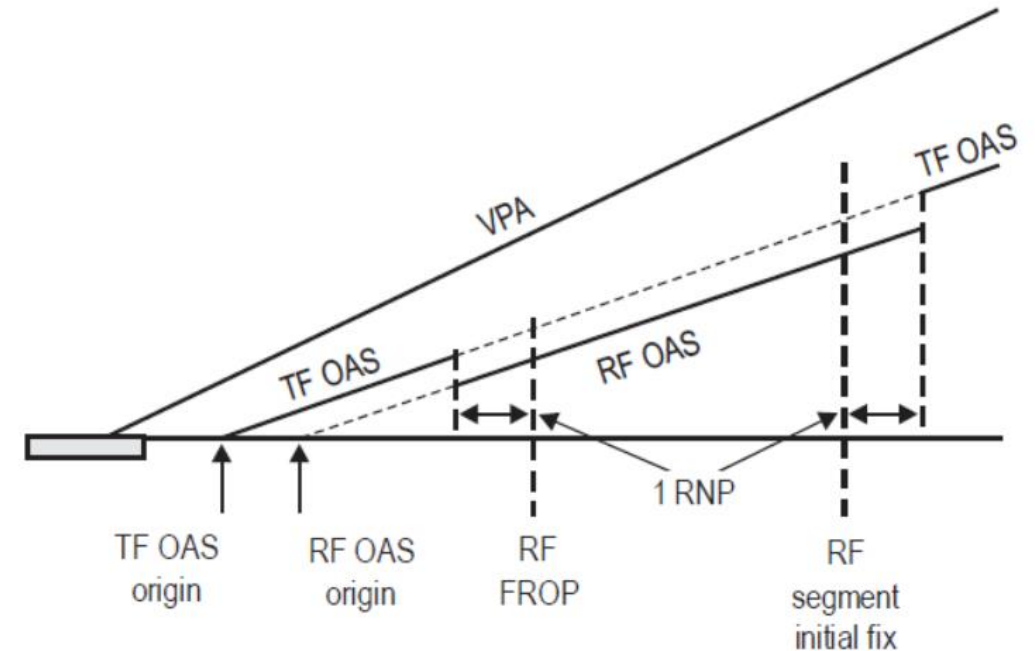
Where:

- x = distance from LTP to obstacle

Aircraft Body Geometry Adjustment



- Wings Level: 8 m (26 ft) assumed
- **Banked Turn:**
 - $bg = 40 \times \sin(\text{design bank} + 5^\circ)$ meters
 - $bg = 132 \times \sin(\text{design bank} + 5^\circ)$ feet
- Max design bank: 25°
- ⚠ Recalculate VEB if VPA increased to eliminate penetration



Visual Segment Protection



- Reference: PANS-OPS Vol.II Part I Sec 4 Chap 5, 5.4.6
- **RNP AR Modifications:**

Parameter	Standard	RNP AR Modification
VSS lateral limit	-	2 RNP
VSS OCS lateral limit	-	1 RNP each side of nominal approach track



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