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PREPARATION FOR DESCENT PROCEDURE

1. ATIS

PNF
Acquire the destination weather information from destination ATIS or other appropriate source.

2. MCDU ACT F-PLN PAGE

- (1) Select the ACT F-PLN page by pushing the F-PLN key. Page up with the ↑ key on the MCDU until the arrival airport is in view.
- (2) Pushing the LS key adjacent to the waypoint prior to the destination selects the LAT REV page.
- (3) To select the STAR page push LS key 1R.
- (4) On the STAR page select the appropriate approach and landing runway on the right then select the appropriate STAR (if applicable) with the left LS keys. To return to the ACT F-PLN page push " * INSERT" (LS key 6L).
- (5) If the approach selected has a transition option the MCDU will automatically display the options for pilot selection.

(6) After picking the appropriate transition push "*IN-SERT" line select key 6L or "ACT F-PLN" line select key 6R to return to the ACT F-PLN page.

3. MCDU APPROACH PAGE

Select the Approach Page, verify the landing field LENGHT, H and ELEV, select the desired flap setting for landing and crosscheck MCDUs for correct VREF speed.

NOTE

Landing field altitude is normally entered into the

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pressurization controller by the FMS. In the event of an emergency return after climbing through 5000 feet above takeoff field altitude or diverting to an airport other than planned. Landing field altitude must be inserted by turning the MANUAL LDG ALT knob on the Cabin Pressurization Panel.

4. WINDSHIELD ANTI-ICE

PNF
Use of windshield anti-ice when descending into high humidity conditions will prevent window fogging.

5. GLARESHIELD

PF/PNF
On the EIS Control Panel rotate the RA/BARO Selector to RA or BARO as required and rotate the Minimums Control Knob to the correct Decision Height or Minimum Descent Altitude as appropriate for the approach being flown.

6. CREW BRIEFING

Please refer L/D briefing formats as followed:

FLIGHT CREW BEFORE L/D BRIEFING

(1) WX:

LANDING A/P

ALTERNATE A/P

(2) TIME OF DESCENT

(3) TRANSITION LEVEL

MSA

(4) RUNWAY IN USE

FIELD ELEVATION

(5) STAR & MISS APPROACH PROCEDURE

(6) GO-AROUND PROCEDURE

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PREPARATION FOR DESCENT PROCEDURE (CONT'D)

PUSH G/A BUTTON, ADVANCE THROTTLES
FLAPS 28, POSITIVE RATE, GEAR-UP.

ALT _____ LEVEL CHANGE

ALT _____ SPEED SELECT

THEN FLAP SKJ & CONTINUE CLIMB.

(7) FMS & NAV RADIO SET UP

(8) REMARK:

MD11 FLIGHT CREW CAT II APPROACH BRIEFING

1. WX : _____
- LANDING AIRPORT ATIS _____
- ALTERNATE AIRPORT _____
2. TIME OF DESCENT _____
3. TRANSITION LEVEL _____
- MSA _____
4. RUNWAY IN USE _____
- FIELD ELEVATION _____
- ILS FRQ & CRS _____
- LANDING CAT II OR III. DH OR AH _____
- AUTOLAND OR MANUAL LAND. _____
5. STAR & MISS APPROACH PROCEDURE. _____
6. MINIMUM DIVERSION FUEL _____
7. GO-AROUND PROCEDURE. _____
- PUSH G/A BUTTON, ADVANCE THROTTLES
- FLAPS 28, POSITIVE RATE, GEAR-UP.
- LEVEL CHANGE PROFILE _____
- HEADING SELECT OR NAV _____
- SPEED SELECT MAP _____
- MAP _____
- THEN FLAPS SKJ & CONTINUE CLIMB.
8. FMS & NAV RADIO SET-UP.
9. REMARK :

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PREPARATION FOR DESCENT PROCEDURE (CONT'D)

7. SEAT BELTS SWITCHES PF

Move SEAT BELTS switch to ON when beginning the descent from cruise altitude.

8. SHOULDER HARNESS PF/PNF

PF and PNF should fasten their shoulder harness before descend.

9. DESCENT/APPROACH CHECKLIST PNF

Begin the DESCENT/APPROACH checklist by accomplishing the check list through SEAT BELTS.

NOTE

Refer to supplemental procedures and procedures and techniques sections of the FCOM for operation of AUTO FLIGHT and MCDUs during descent phase of flight.

DESCENT TECHNIQUES

• STANDARD DESCENT PROCEDURE

1. The FMS will consider the optimum point to begin an unrestricted descent to a landing, however, in actual operations, when it is necessary to compute a TOD point, use the following rule-of-thumb:

(1) Determine the altitude difference.

(2) Drop the last three digits.

(3) Multiply by three.

(4) For an unrestricted descent to a landing, add 10 n.m.

(5) For a descent to an intermediate altitude above 10000 feet, no additive required.

(6) Adjust TOD point for wind (tailwind-earlier TOD headwind-later TOD):