

Some users of either the FAA paper approach charts or the FAA digital - Terminal Procedures Publication (d-TPP) are manually comparing charts, symbol-by-symbol, or text-by-text, for every production cycle to identify chart changes.

The FAA digital Terminal Procedures Publication website application includes a function providing a "Compare PDF" for civil Instrument Approach Procedures (IAP), Standard Terminal Arrivals (STAR), Departure Procedures (DP) and Airport Diagrams (APD) that have changed from the previous version.

This functionality currently exists on the FAA website and may be reached through Art's Aviation website by clicking on this button in the 1) Flight Planning or 2) Art's Favorites or 3) FREE! - Download FAA Publications sections.



When reaching the FAA d-TPP webpage click on: "Terminal Procedures Search" following the text: "Application:" When you reach the Terminal Procedures Basic Search Page, you may search by Airport, State, or IAP volume. A table (example below) will be displayed listing the procedures available based on your search. The Compare column on the far right of the table will display either N/A or Compare. Those procedures which have changed will have a clickable "Compare" field displayed. Clicking on this field will display a document in PDF format containing the old and new versions of the procedure with changes highlighted.

State ▼	City ▼	Airport ▼	Ident ▼ (ICAO)	Vol ▼	Flag ▼	Type ▼	Procedure ▼	Compare
MD	BALTIMORE	BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTL THURGOOD MARSHALL	BWI (KBWI)	NE-3		STAR	WESTMINSTER FIVE (PDF)	N/A
MD	BALTIMORE	BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTL THURGOOD MARSHALL	BWI (KBWI)	NE-3	C	IAP	ILS OR LOC RWY 10 (PDF)	Compare (PDF)

Please note that the PDF comparisons are being created utilizing an Adobe Acrobat tool. Minor geographic adjustments of a symbol or text will result in extra change circles. Also, a page with extensive changes can result in a circle being drawn around the entire page, and a circled area may be slightly outside the changed area. These are limitations of the Adobe Acrobat tool.