

### **Obstruction Standards**

According to Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR), FAA, DOT, USA: An object is an obstruction to air navigation if it is of greater height than any of the following:

- 1. 500' (152 m) above ground level at any location
- 2. 200' above ground level or established Airport elevation within 3 n.mi of Airport Reference point (usually highest point of a runway or central between runways). Then 100 upward for each additional n.mi. up to 500'
- 3. less than minimum instrument flight altitudes within terminal clearance area including circling approach area.
- 4. less than minimum clearance altitude for en-route clearance area of approved airways
- 5. less than civil airport imaginary surfaces requirements (below)

note: add 5.2 m for expressways, 4.6 m for any public road, and 7.0 m for RR

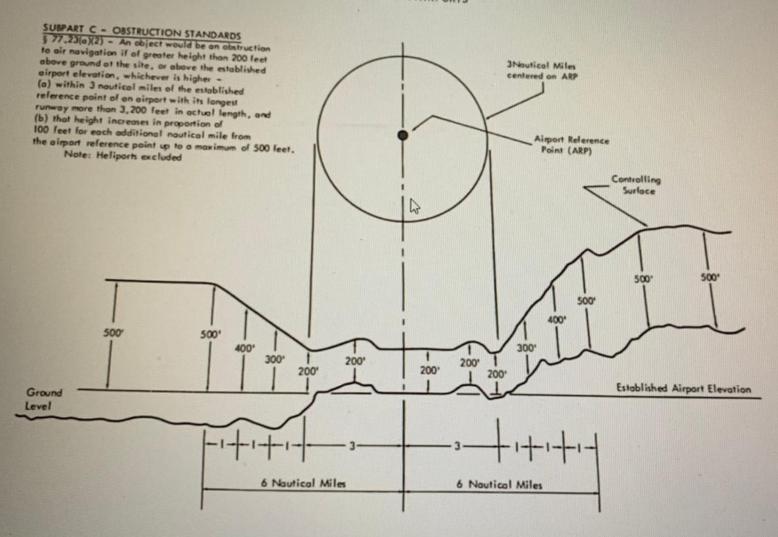
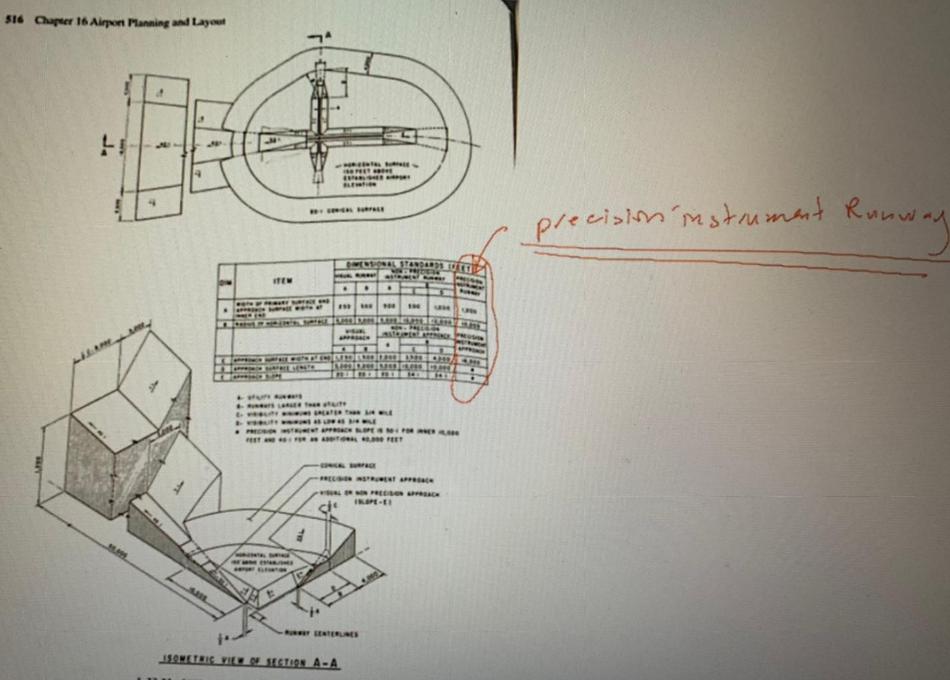


Figure 16-5 Obstruction standards in the vicinity of airports. (Source: Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77, 1975.)



\$ 77.25 CIVIL AIRPORT IMAGINARY SURFACES

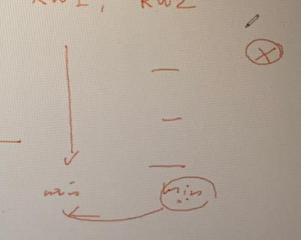
Figure 16-6 Civil airport imaginary surfaces. (Source: Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77, 1975.)

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Civil Airport Imaginary Surfaces: The highest objects permitted that is the minimum of heights of the following two groups and the minimum height for both groups for each runway (p.515. fig.16.6, p.516):

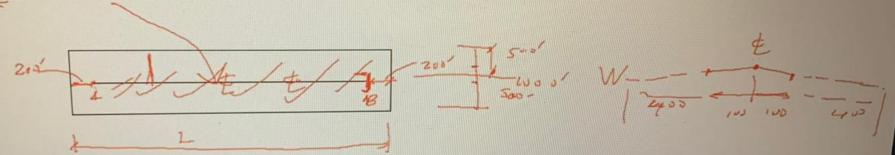
Group I: Primary, Horizontal and Conical

Group II: Primary, Approach and Transitional



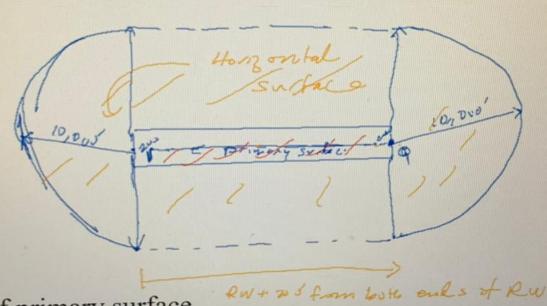
#### Group I: Primary, horizontal, and conical group

a. Primary Surface:



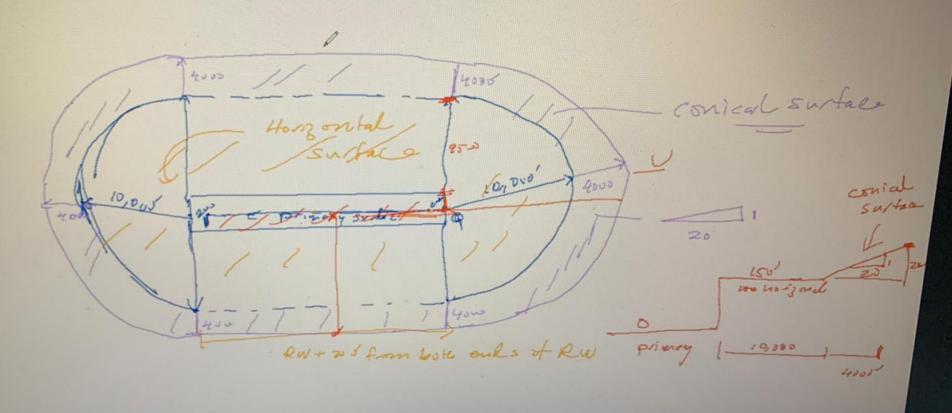
- ➤ Length: runway (RW) + 200' at each end for paved RW
- > Width:
  - o 250' for utility RW with only VFR approaches
  - o 1000' precision instrument RW
- > Elevation = 0 (more precisely: the elevation of any point on the primary surface is the same as the elevation of the nearest point on the runway centerline.

### a. Horizontal Surface:



- > L = length of primary surface
- R =
  - o 5000' for utility or VFR runways
- → 10 000' for all other runways
- > Elevation = 150' above established airport elevation (usually highest point of any runway)

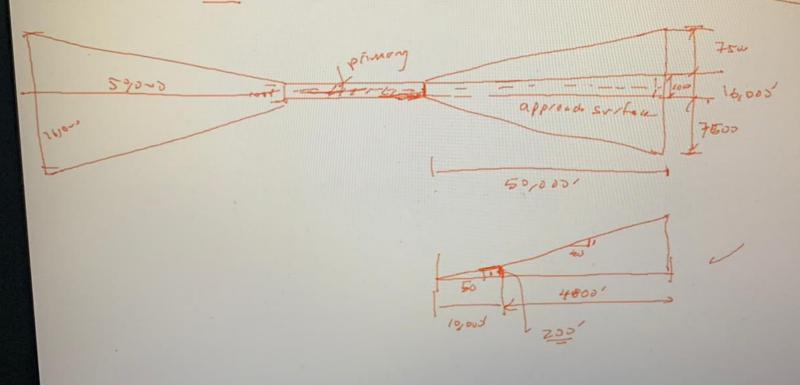
## Conical Surface (for all airports):



A surface extending outward and upward from the periphery of the horizontal surface at a slope of 20:1 for a horizontal distance of 4000'

# Group II: Primary, approach and transitional group

a. Approach surface (many cases, only illustrated Precision Instrument RW)



a. Transitional Surface: Extends outward and upward at a right angle from the RW centerline (or its extension) at a slope of 7:1 from the sides of the primary or approach surfaces to a maximum horizontal surface of 5000' (or until it meets another surface)

