

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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HOUSTON TRACON LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 12-1

SUBJECT: PRACTICE INSTRUMENT APPROACHES IN HOUSTON TRACON AIRSPACE.

CANCELLATION: Houston TRACON Letter to Airmen, NO. 12-1 will cancel on September 23, 2014.

Practice instrument approaches are conducted by VFR and IFR aircraft and are approved by ATC on a workload permitting basis.

Aircraft conducting practice instrument approaches at airports in Houston TRACON airspace are provided appropriate separation. VFR aircraft will be instructed to maintain VFR conditions. Controller responsibility for separation begins at the point where the approach clearance becomes effective and terminates at the missed approach point. Except for Super, Heavy, and B757 aircraft, 500 feet vertical separation may be applied between VFR aircraft and between a VFR and an IFR aircraft. A published missed approach is not automatically authorized in the approach clearance to a VFR aircraft, but may be approved if requested. Aircraft requesting IFR handling are encouraged to file an IFR flight plan in advance. Include your intentions and the local airports where approaches are requested in the remarks section.

Practice instrument approaches may be requested with any Houston TRACON ATC facility. Pilots will be issued the appropriate Houston TRACON frequency.

The following is a list of some of the satellite airports in Houston TRACON airspace where practice instrument approaches may be conducted and the appropriate Houston TRACON frequency:

<u>AIRPORTS</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>AIRPORTS</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
Sugar Land Regional (SGR)	123.8	Jack Brooks Regional (BPT)	121.3
West Houston (IWS)	123.8	Beaumont Muni (BMT)	121.3
Lone Star Executive (CXO)	119.7	Easterwood Field (CLL)	134.3
David Wayne Hooks (DWH)	119.7	Brenham Muni (11R)	134.3
Texas Gulf Coast Regional (LBX)	134.45	Hearne Muni (LHB)	134.3
Scholes Int'l at Galveston (GLS)	134.45	Caldwell Muni (RWV)	134.3
Ellington Field (EFD)	134.45	Eagle Lake (ELA)	124.22

Practice instrument approaches at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) are normally not authorized.


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