

SAL, Cape Verde Is. (SID/GVAC)

Elevation 177ft

CATEGORY B

AV brief – not required

GENERAL

- Sal is the NE island of the Cape Verde group and is 337 nm off Dakar, Senegal.
- No Radar.
- Airfield has a large Westerly variation.

Threats

CFIT

- Island is small with rugged terrain to the N and NE reaching just over 1,300ft amsl within 5nm.
- Just NE of the rwy 19 threshold is a small built up area with obstructions to 155ft above threshold elevation.
- Other islands in the group have high ground to nearly 9,300ft amsl, although the closest, Boa Vista 20 nm South, has terrain to only 1,280ft amsl.

ARRIVAL

- DME arc procedures are used during Initial Arrival phase.
- Sal has its own Oceanic Area.

GROUND

- Limited facilities, but formerly used by SAA on a regular basis.
- Short runway (07/25) is day only.
- 4 Engined aircraft to taxi on inboard engines only.

WEATHER

- NE trade winds predominate.
- Dry season is from Feb to Jul with mainly fine weather except for occasional early morning mist.
- Wet season is Aug to Oct with squally showers, however ceiling and visibility seldom drop below 1,000ft/3 nm.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	
Handling Agent VHF	
Potable Water	Not Assessed