Revised Wind Shear Values

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Assumptions:

Shear value reflects more macro effects of terrain and obstacles on the wind profile versus very local effects and ground clutter which cause turbulence. When very close (< 500') to trees and buildings in an otherwise open area, you need to raise turbulence intensity versus raising the shear value.

Surface Description	Wind Shear a
Smooth Hard Ground, Lake, or Ocean	.20
Level country with foot-high grass Tree lines > 1000' away	0.25
Level and uniform open terrain with crops with Occasional trees and buildings 500'-1000'	0.30
Terrain is open with scattered Trees/buildings <500'	0.35
Terrain is less open,not densly wooded; Trees/buildings <500' Or Mixed densely wooded areas & open areas; Tree lines > 500' away	0.4
Mixed densely wooded areas & farm fields, Trees/buildings <500'	0.45
Densely Wooded	0.50
Urban areas with tall buildings	0.60 assumed, but must monitor



Open Farm fields





Scattered Woods and Open Areas

Dense Woods and Open Areas

Examples of Proposed Wind Shears:



Smooth Hard Ground, Lake, or Ocean



Level country with foot-high grass; Tree lines > 1000' away





Level and uniform open terrain with crops and 500' < occasional trees and buildings <1000'



Open terrain with scattered Trees/buildings <500'





Terrain is Scattered woods; Trees/buildings <500'



Mixed densely wooded areas & open areas Tree lines > 500' away Wind map less accurate





Mixed densely wooded areas & open areas Tree lines > 500' away



Mix of densely wooded and open areas trees <500' away





suburbs/industrial or in dense woods (also use DH)