

SAR Information Leaflet



Flight information - Do you read?



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“I wanted to log out with the FIC, but I no longer had a connection”

FIS flight information services provide VFR pilots with a multitude of services and are an important factor in pilot safety, and not just in unpleasant situations.

For example, the FIC in Zurich or Geneva provides “traffic information”, gives details of the weather situations along GAFOR routes or helps with loss of orientation. The FIC is also one of the agencies which can trigger a Search and Rescue operation. It can supply important reference points and key elements for rapid localisation and rescue; **but only if the flight was in contact with one of the FICs.**

However, the FICs cannot be reached everywhere because of Switzerland's topography. The charts show radio coverage in the ideal case, split according to flight altitude. The charts are for information only.

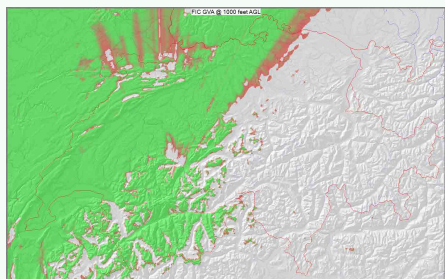
Note:

Even if the chart shows coverage (the green area), it is possible that occasionally there may be **no connection** because of interference such as **electrosmog** or technical **limitations** or the **flight attitude** and/or the position of the antenna on the aircraft. It is also possible that a connection can be established with one of the FICs in some areas even if these are shown in **white** on the chart.

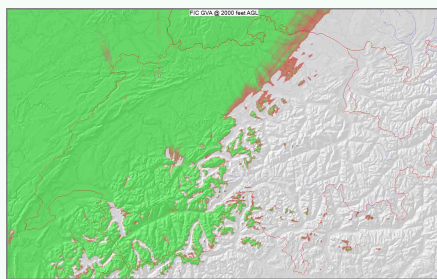
> Coverage improves very quickly as altitude increases, especially in the valleys. The charts confirm this fact:

FIC **Geneva** 126,350 (French, English)

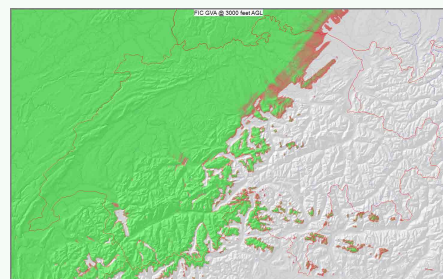
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2000ft AGL

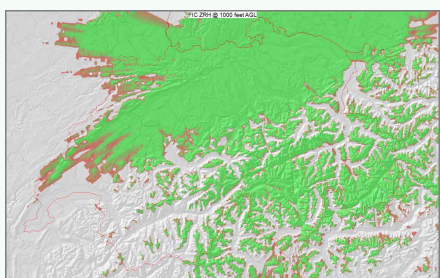


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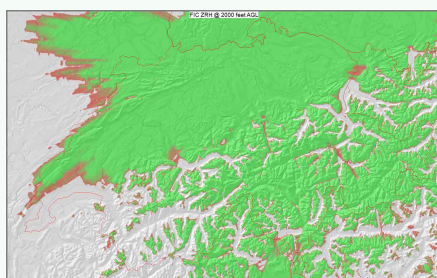


FIC **Zurich** 124.700 (German, English)

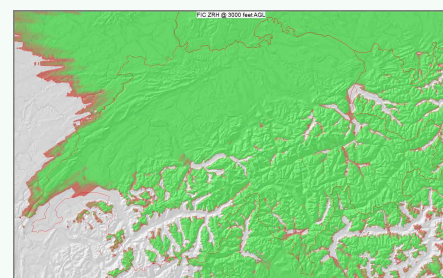
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Please note:

FIC uses a 25 kHz frequency. Always set the correct frequency:

ZRH FIC 124.700 (not 124.705)

GVA FIC 126.350 (not 126.355)

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