

EXPLORER FLIGHT DATA EXAMPLE SAND POINT

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Descent rate: 5.4 m/s

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ANSWERS BELOW

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Ascent: 983 m altitude,

Ascent motion: X = -185 m, Y = -5289 m

Descent: 182 sec

Descent (w/o wind): X = -387 m, Y = -11,095 m

Descent from wind: X = -366, Y = 1721

Total XY: X=-938 m, Y = -14,663 m;

Total answer = 14,693 m @ 183.66° (T)

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Ascent: 810 m altitude,

Ascent motion: X = -2514 m, Y = 6907

Descent: 101 sec

Descent (w/o wind): X = -2078m, Y = 5709 m

Descent from wind: X = 356, Y = -2020

Total XY: X=-4236 m, Y = 10,596 m;

Total answer = 11,411 m @ 338.21° (T)