

The background of the slide is an aerial photograph of a vast, multi-layered cloud deck. The clouds are dense and textured, with varying shades of blue and white, creating a sense of depth and scale. The sky above the clouds is a deep, dark blue, suggesting a clear or slightly hazy day. The overall composition is centered and balanced, with the text overlaid on the middle section of the image.

# AIR LAW

Airspace Structure

# Canadian Domestic Airspace

Canadian Domestic Airspace (CDA) includes all airspace over the Canadian land mass, the Canadian Arctic and those areas of the high seas along the Canadian coast.

Canadian Domestic Airspace is divided into the Southern Domestic Airspace (SDA) and the Northern Domestic Airspace (NDA). CDA is further divided vertically into low level airspace, which consists of all of the airspace below 18,000 ft ASL and high level airspace which consists of all airspace from 18,000 ft ASL and above

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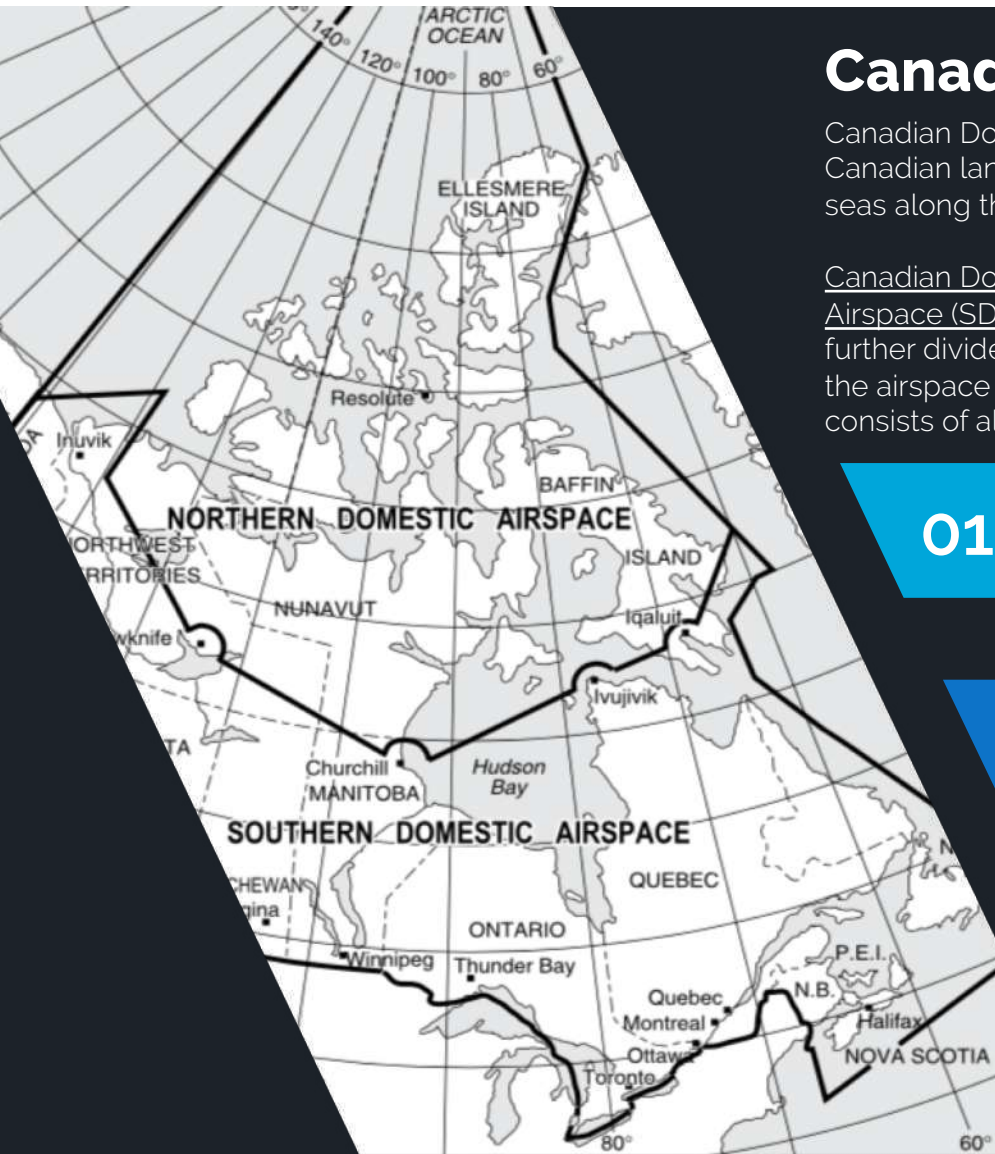
In SDA, magnetic track is used. In NDA, true track is used due to compass unreliability.

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Low Level Airspace:  
Below 18,000 feet

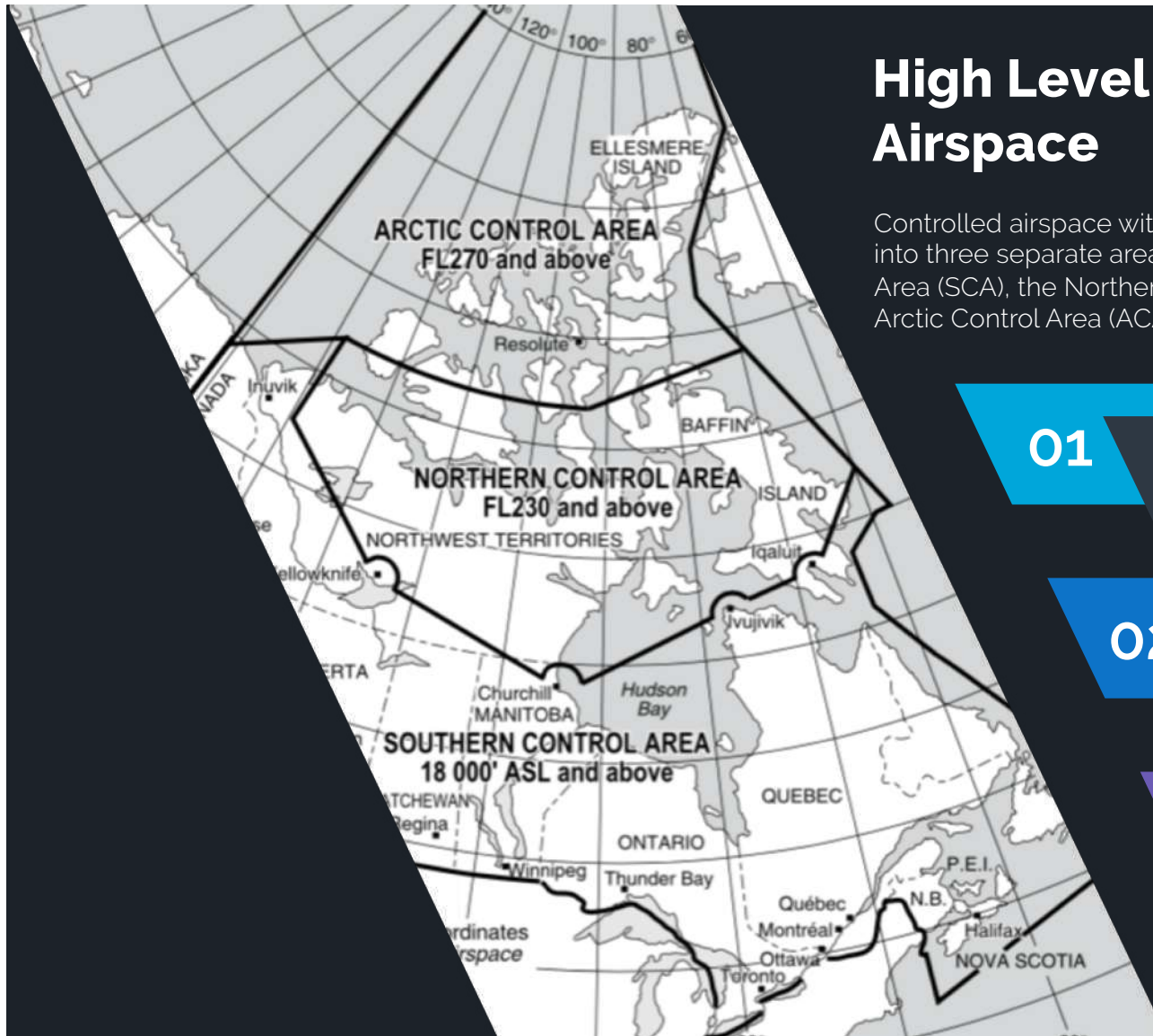
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High Level Airspace:  
18,000 feet and above



# High Level Controlled Airspace

Controlled airspace within High Level Airspace is divided into three separate areas. They are the Southern Control Area (SCA), the Northern Control Area (NCA) and the Arctic Control Area (ACA).



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Arctic Control Area:  
FL270 and above

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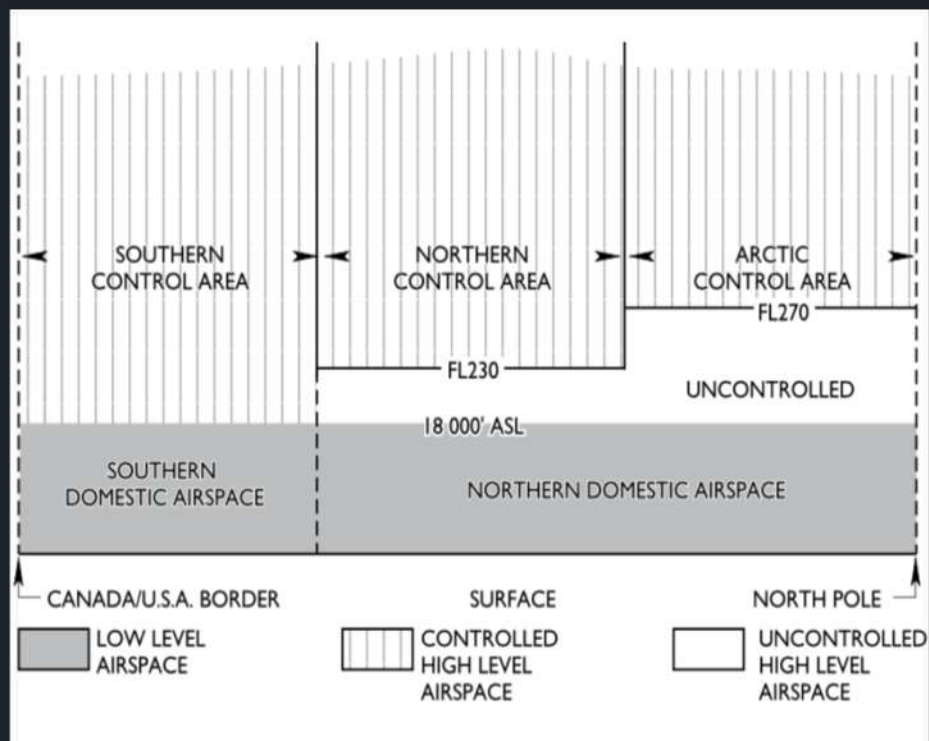
Northern Control Area:  
FL230 and above

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Southern Control Area:  
FL180 and above

# Vertical Structure

The figure to the left provides an overview of the vertical structure of Canadian Domestic Airspace. Note that in NDA there exists a few 'pockets' of uncontrolled airspace as detailed below.



## ➤ **Beneath the NCA**

Above 18,000 feet ASL up to the floor of the Northern Control Area (FL 230) there is an area of uncontrolled airspace.

## ➤ **Beneath the ACA**

Above 18,000 feet ASL up to the floor of the Arctic Control Area (FL 270) there is an area of uncontrolled airspace.