

Lesson 1: Boeing 737 Checkout

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Boeing 737–400 Straight-in Visual Approach

Action

Key / Control

Intercepting the Final Approach Course Heading

Target altitude: 3,000 to 5,000 feet AGL

15 to 20 nm (nautical miles) from the airport

Set flaps to 5.
Set power between 53 and 55 percent N1.

Press **F7** until flap gauge points to **5**.
Advance throttle (press **F3**).
Reduce throttle (press **F2**).

Pitch 5 to 6 degrees for level flight.

Target speed: 170 knots

Lined up with the centerline

Approaching 10 nm from the Airport

Gear down

Press **G**.

Set flaps to 15.

Press **F7** until flap gauge points to **15**.

Set power between 62 and 64 percent N1 (if necessary for extended level flight).

Advance throttle (press **F3**).
Reduce throttle (press **F2**).

Target speed: 160 knots

Just before VASI or Glide Slope Intercept ("One dot low")

Set flaps to 30.

Press **F7** until flap gauge points to **30**.

Set power between 53 and 58 percent N1.

Advance throttle (press **F3**).
Reduce throttle (press **F2**).

Pitch 0 to 2 degrees nose up.

Descend at 800 fpm (feet per minute) once established on the VASI or glide slope.

Move stick forward until VSI reads between about 800 fpm.

Target speed: 150 knots (or appropriate Vref speed for your weight)

On Final

Set flaps to 30

Press **F7** until flap gauge points to **30**.

Set power between 53 and 58 percent N1. Set pitch 0 degrees.

Advance throttle (press **F3**).
Reduce throttle (press **F2**).

Target speed: 150 knots

Begin a 700-to-800-fpm descent once on the VASI or glide slope.

Adjust pitch until VSI reads between 700 to 800 fpm.

Crossing the Threshold

Smoothly reduce power to idle

Reduce throttle (press **F2**).
Cut throttle (press **F1**).

Gradually pitch up to 3 degrees nose up.

Pull back on stick.

Touch down and remain on the centerline

Apply reverse thrust.

Press and hold **F2**.

Apply brakes.

Press the **PERIOD "."** key.

Disengage thrust reversers

Press **F1**.

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