WorldDEM™: The New Standard of Global Elevation Models

Accuracy of a New Dimension

Pole-to-pole coverage coupled with unrivalled accuracy and quality - these are the defining characteristics of the WorldDEM. The accuracy surpasses that of any global satellite-based elevation model available today and defines a new industry standard.

Elevation Model of Choice for all Global Applications

Integrating WorldDEM as a reliable and precise reference layer into operations and applications provides for a single confidence scale and enhances the performance of a wide range of systems and equipment.

• Enhanced responsiveness and efficiency for defence & security missions
• Improved flight safety and efficiency
• High-quality image orthorectification
• Reliable planning and operation of exploration projects
• Global availability enhances international cooperation and cross-border mission planning
• Timely intelligence for emergency response

Unique Data Quality and Level of Detail

Airbus Defence and Space refines the DEM according to customer requirements and makes three WorldDEM products available:

• WorldDEM™
  Unedited Digital Surface Model, usually contains radar artefacts and voids
• WorldDEM™
  Edited Digital Surface Model with assured hydrological consistency (editing of water bodies and shore- lines, consistent flow of rivers)
• WorldDEM DTM
  Digital Terrain Model representing the bare Earth terrain (vegetation and man-made objects removed)

WorldDEM™ in Brief:

• Superior elevation information anywhere on Earth
• Homogenous standardised pole-to-pole coverage
• Unrivalled accuracy: 2m (relative) / 4m (absolute) vertical accuracy in a 12m x 12m raster
• Easy access

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