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Let F be a smooth foliation of a compact manifold M . A hyperbolic attractor F is a minimal set K such that there is positive Lyapunov exponent for the linear holonomy of F restricted to K . Of particular interest is the case where K is an exceptional minimal set which is transversally modeled on a connected continua - these are called exotic minimal sets. We discuss the relation between foliation entropy, the Lyapunov exponents of F on K , and the geometry of K . A general construction of examples of foliations with exotic minimal sets is described for codimensions greater than one. (Received September 20, 2007)