

# ***Safety Hazards in Civil Aviation Operations***

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# **HUMAN FACTORS**

## **(ICAO Definition)**

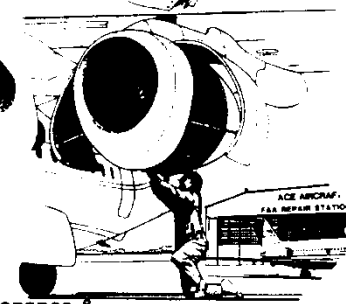
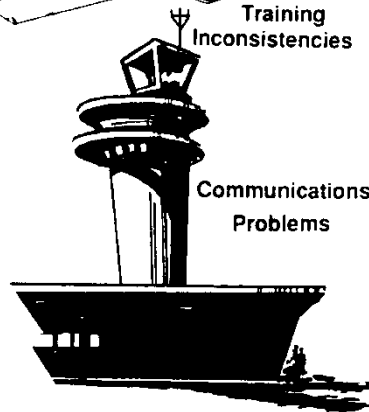
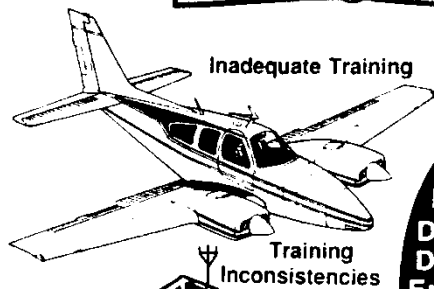
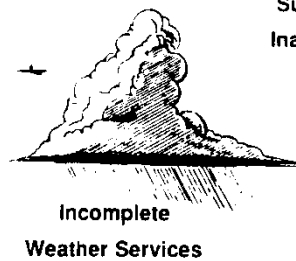
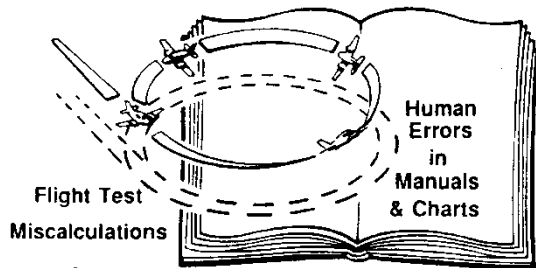
“Human Factors is about people; it is about people in their working and living environments, and it is about their relationship with equipment, procedures and the environment. Just as important, it is about their relationship with other people. Its twin objectives can be seen as safety and efficiency.”



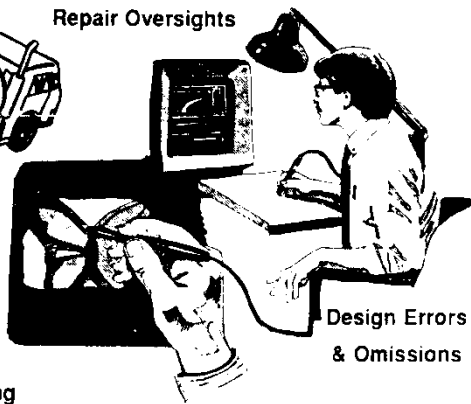
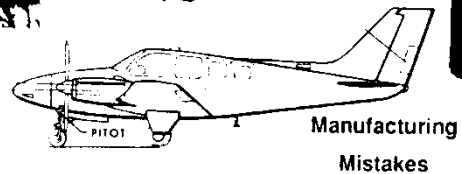
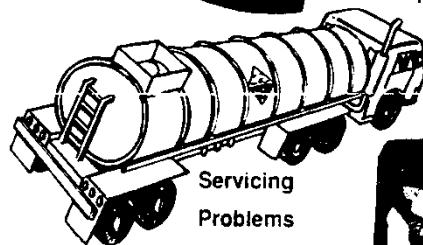
# Why Human Factors are Important?

- ❑ The majority of all aviation accidents are due to human factors (not necessarily pilot error)
- ❑ Most aviation accidents and incidents due to human factors are preventable
- ❑ ICAO has recommended that all pilots receive training in human factors

***The Weak Link is the  
Human Being***



Maintenance &  
Repair Oversight



# ***Risk Management***

# Risk Management is the Process of:

- + *Identifying Hazards*
- + *Assessing Risks*
- + *Making a Decision*
- + *Implementing the Decision*
- + *Monitoring the Results*

# ***RISK MANAGEMENT***

## *Perception vs Reality*



*“People are disturbed, not by things, but by their view of them”*

*Epictetus*









# ***RISK MANAGEMENT***

## ***Perception vs Reality***



*Understanding Risks is Important*





*Including All Potential Risks!!!*









# PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS INFLUENCING RISK PERCEPTION

- *Level of Trust*
- *Potential Benefit vs Harm*
- *Control vs Lack of Control*
- *Individual Choice*
- *Natural vs Human-Made*
- *Catastrophic vs Chronic*
- *Certainty vs Uncertainty*
- *Me vs Them*
- *Familiar vs New*
- *Children vs Adults*
- *Equity vs Inequity*
- *Level of Awareness*





There I Fixed It









































# STUPIDITY IS

ignoring the laws of gravity





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Skill and Experience  
may not be Enough to  
Prevent an Accident

Using Personal Protective  
Equipment is Always  
a Great Idea!!!





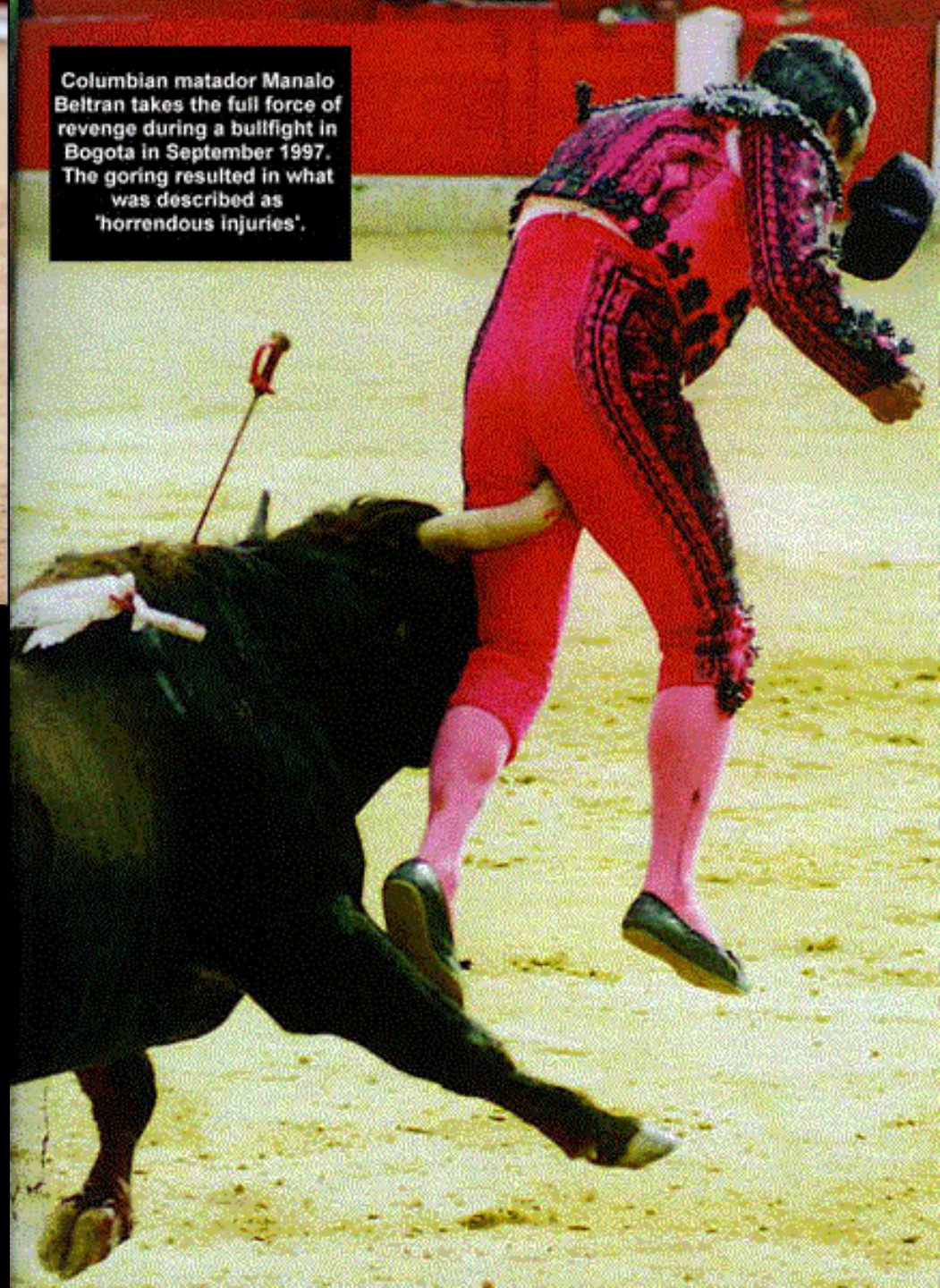
Always be prepared to deal with the unexpected!







Columbian matador Manalo Beltran takes the full force of revenge during a bullfight in Bogota in September 1997. The goring resulted in what was described as 'horrendous injuries'.



A person wearing a white shirt and dark pants is running away from a large black dog on a grassy field. In the background, another person in a light-colored shirt and pants is standing near a red fence. The scene appears to be outdoors, possibly at a park or sports field.

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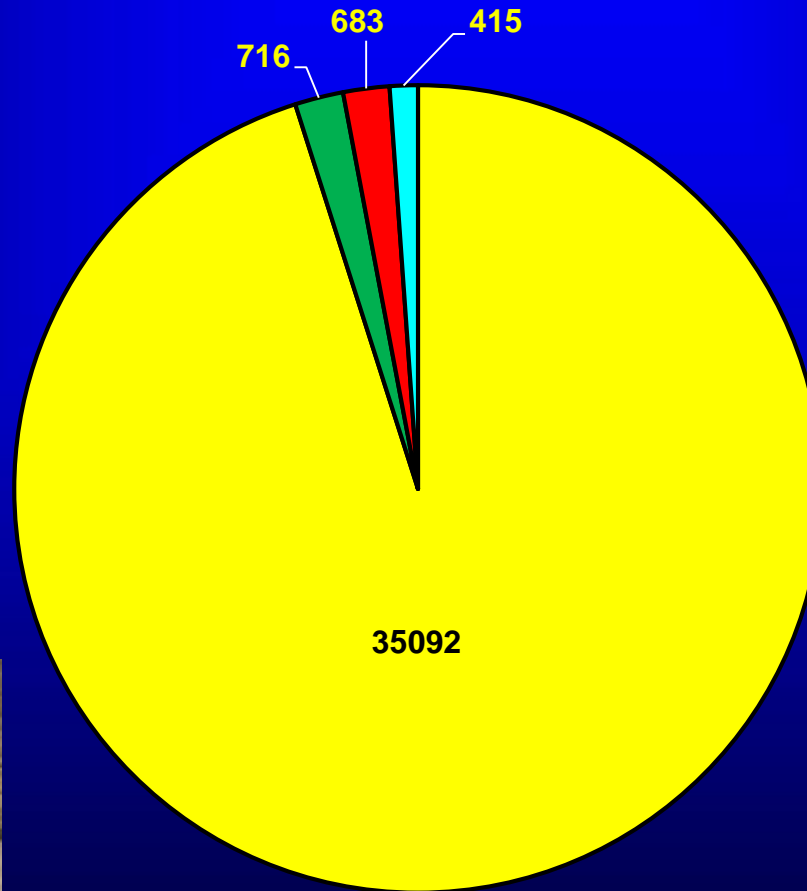




*Aviation Safety:*

*Putting Risks in Perspective*

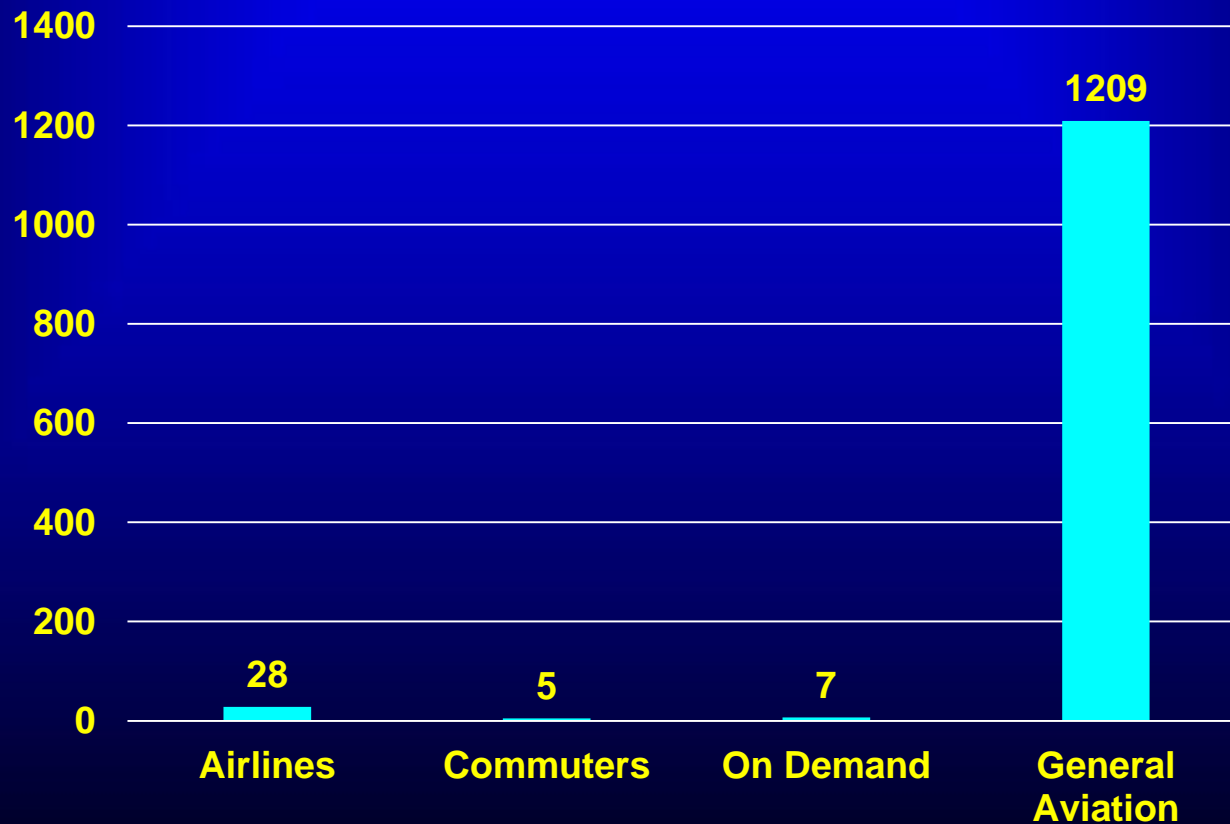
# ***U.S. Fatalities by Mode of Transportation (36,918 in 2016)***



■ Highway ■ Rail ■ Marine ■ Aviation



# ***U.S. Aviation Accidents by Type of Operation (2015)***



**Table 10. Accidents, Fatalities, and Rates, 1995 through 2014,  
General Aviation**

	<u>Accidents</u>		<u>Fatalities</u>			<u>Accidents per 100,000 Flight Hours</u>	
<u>Year</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Aboard</u>	<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Fatal</u>
1995	2,056	412	734	727	24,906,000	8.21	1.63
1996	1,908	361	636	619	24,881,000	7.65	1.45
1997	1,840	350	631	625	25,591,000	7.17	1.36
1998	1,902	364	624	618	25,518,000	7.43	1.41
1999	1,905	340	621	615	29,246,000	6.50	1.16
2000	1,837	345	596	585	27,838,000	6.57	1.21
2001	1,727	325	562	558	25,431,000	6.78	1.27
2002	1,716	345	581	575	25,545,000	6.69	1.33
2003	1,741	352	633	630	25,998,000	6.68	1.34
2004	1,619	314	559	559	24,888,000	6.49	1.26
2005	1,671	321	563	558	23,168,000	7.20	1.38
2006	1,523	308	706	547	23,963,000	6.35	1.28
2007	1,654	288	496	491	23,819,000	6.94	1.20
2008	1,568	277	496	487	22,805,000	6.87	1.21
2009	1,480	275	479	470	20,862,000	7.08	1.32
2010	1,440	271	458	455	21,688,000	6.63	1.24
2011	1,470	269	452	441	-	-	-
2012	1,470	272	437	437	20,881,000	7.04	1.30
2013	1,224	222	391	386	19,492,000	6.26	1.12
2014	1,221	253	419	410	18,103,000	6.74	1.40

Notes

2014 data are preliminary.

An average of 3.3 accidents per day



Driving the distance of a typical nonstop flight (~1,157 km or 719 miles) is 65 times as risky as flying on the 10 major U.S. airlines



For flying to become as risky as driving, disastrous airline accidents on the scale of those of 911 would have to occur about once a month



During October, November and December of 2001 highway traffic increased by 5.3% and fatal accidents rose by 8%

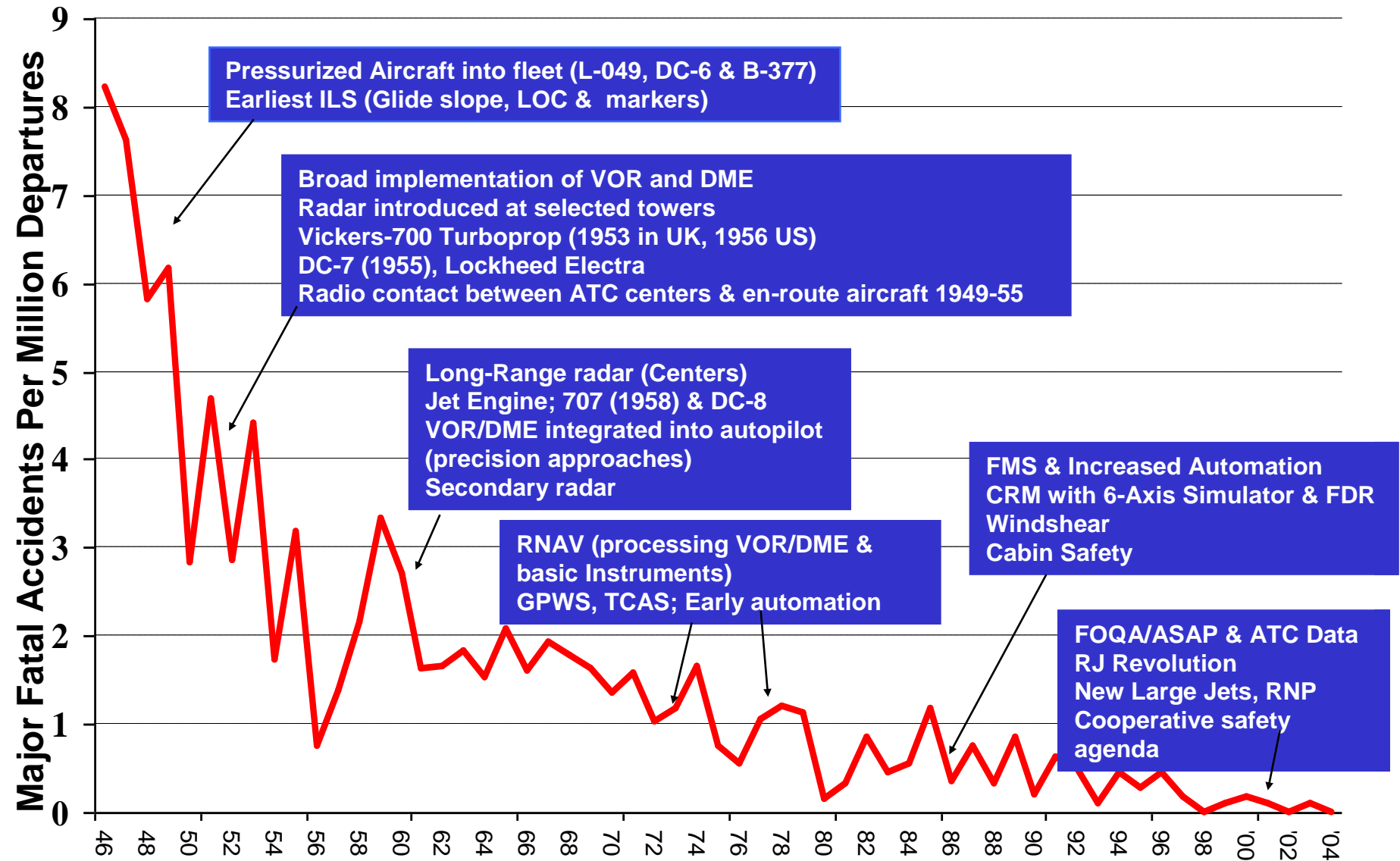




# “Safer Driving”



# Factors That Led To Breakthroughs in Major Fatal Accident Rates Since 1946



“Major” accidents include destroyed aircraft, both fatal and non-fatal, and non-destroyed aircraft with multiple fatalities. Rate for 2004 is pro-rated based on data through September.

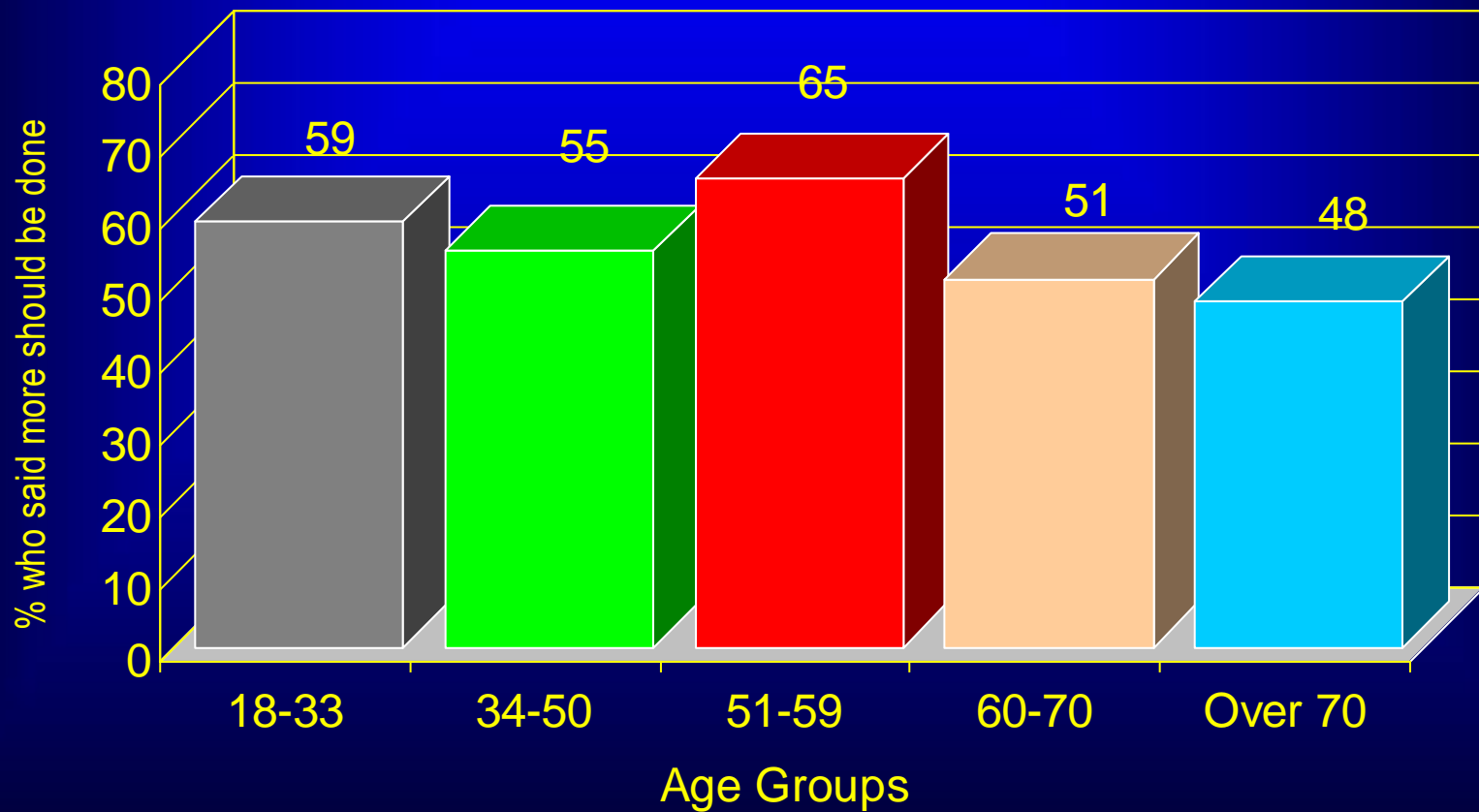
# **Public Perception about Aviation Safety is a Problem**



# ***Public Opinion About Aviation Safety***

## ***(Fox News)***

55% of adults said the government is NOT doing enough to make air travel as safe as possible



# ***Top 10 Airline Safety Questions (AirSafe.com)***

- Is flying safer or less safe today than 10-20 years ago?
- Where is the safest place to sit on an airplane?
- Which is the safest airline to fly?
- Which aircraft model is the safest to fly?
- What kind of emergency am I most likely to face?
- How should I prepare to face this situation?
- How often do airlines crash?
- If the plane crashes, don't most people die?
- Who decides on what changes are made for safety?
- Who investigates airline accidents?

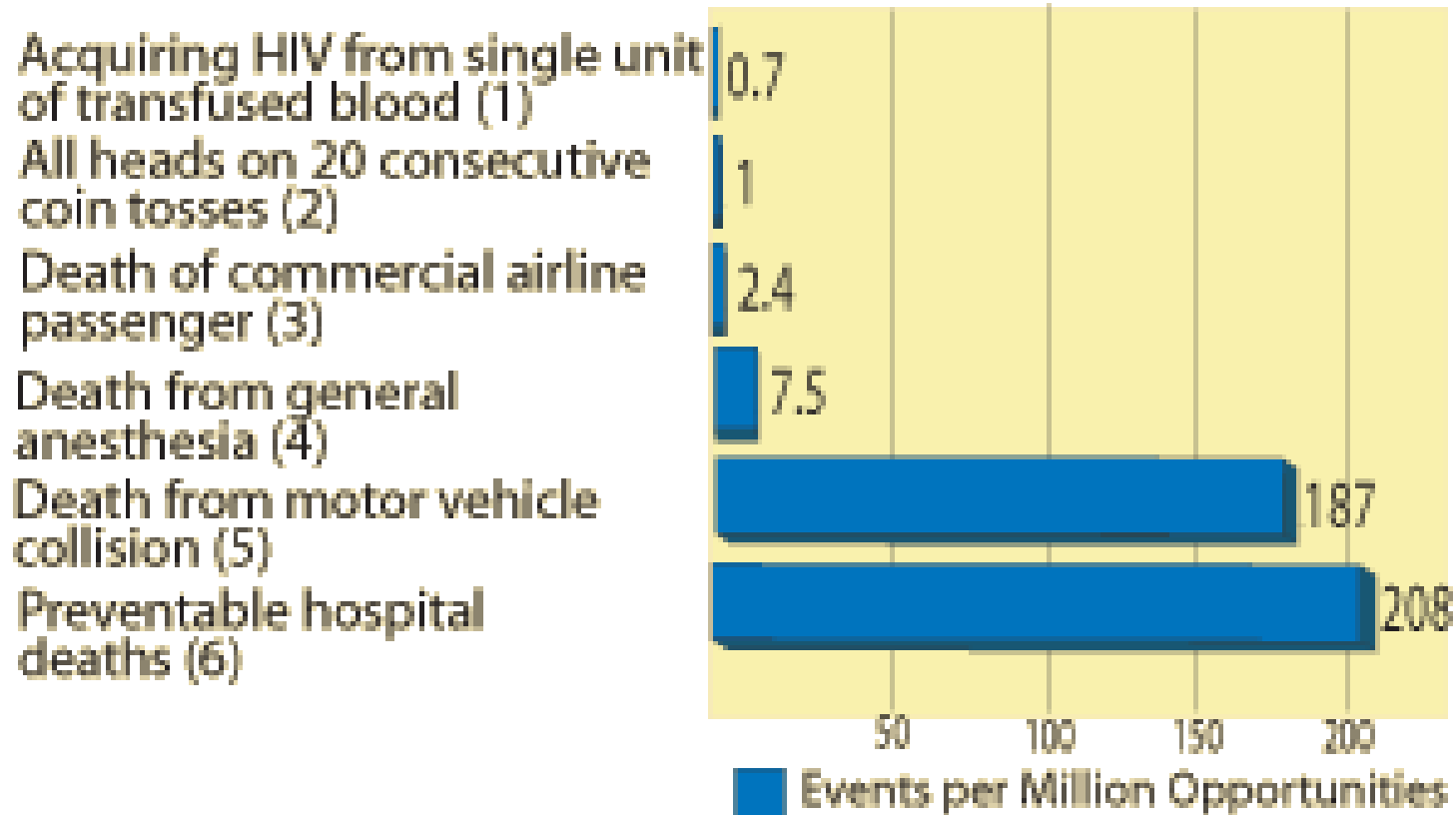


<b>Heart Disease</b>	<b>1-in-5</b>
<b>Cancer</b>	<b>1-in-7</b>
<b>Stroke</b>	<b>1-in-23</b>
<b>Accidental Injury</b>	<b>1-in-36</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accident</b>	<b>1-in-100</b>
<b>Intentional Self-harm (suicide)</b>	<b>1-in-121</b>
<b>Falling Down</b>	<b>1-in-246</b>
<b>Assault by Firearm</b>	<b>1-in-325</b>
<b>Fire or Smoke</b>	<b>1-in-1,116</b>
<b>Natural Forces (heat, cold, storms, quakes, etc.)</b>	<b>1-in-3,357</b>
<b>Electrocution</b>	<b>1-in-5,000</b>
<b>Drowning</b>	<b>1-in-8,942</b>
<b>Air Travel Accident</b>	<b>1-in-20,000</b>
<b>Flood* (included also in Natural Forces above)</b>	<b>1-in-30,000</b>
<b>Legal Execution</b>	<b>1-in-58,618</b>
<b>Tornado (included also in Natural Forces above)</b>	<b>1-in-60,000</b>
<b>Lightning Strike (included also in Natural Forces above)</b>	<b>1-in-83,930</b>
<b>Snake, Bee or other Venomous Bite or Sting</b>	<b>1-in-100,000</b>
<b>Earthquake (included also in Natural Forces above)</b>	<b>1-in-131,890</b>
<b>Dog Attack</b>	<b>1-in-147,717</b>
<b>Asteroid Impact</b>	<b>1-in-200,000**</b>
<b>Tsunami</b>	<b>1-in-500,000</b>
<b>Fireworks Discharge</b>	<b>1-in-615,488</b>

\*\* Perhaps 1-in-500,000

SOURCES: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC; American Cancer Society; National Safety Council; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; World Health Organization; USGS; Clark Chapman, SwRI; David Morrison, NASA; Michael Paine, Planetary Society Australian Volunteers





**“The world is a dangerous place to live, not because the people who are evil, but because of the people who don’t do anything about it”**

*Einstein*

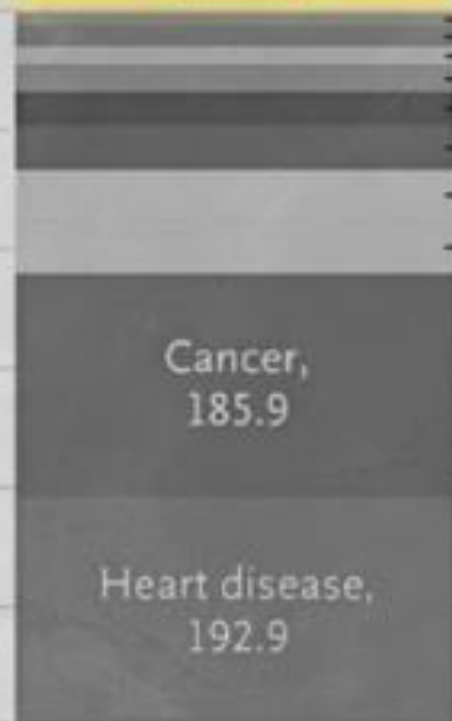
No. of Deaths/100,000



1900



**Medical error = 1 jumbo jet of fatalities daily**



2010

- Suicide, 12.2
- Pneumonia or influenza, 16.2
- Nephropathies, 16.3
- Diabetes, 22.3
- Alzheimer's disease, 27.0
- Accidents, 38.2
- Cerebrovascular disease, 41.8
- Noninfectious airways diseases, 44.6

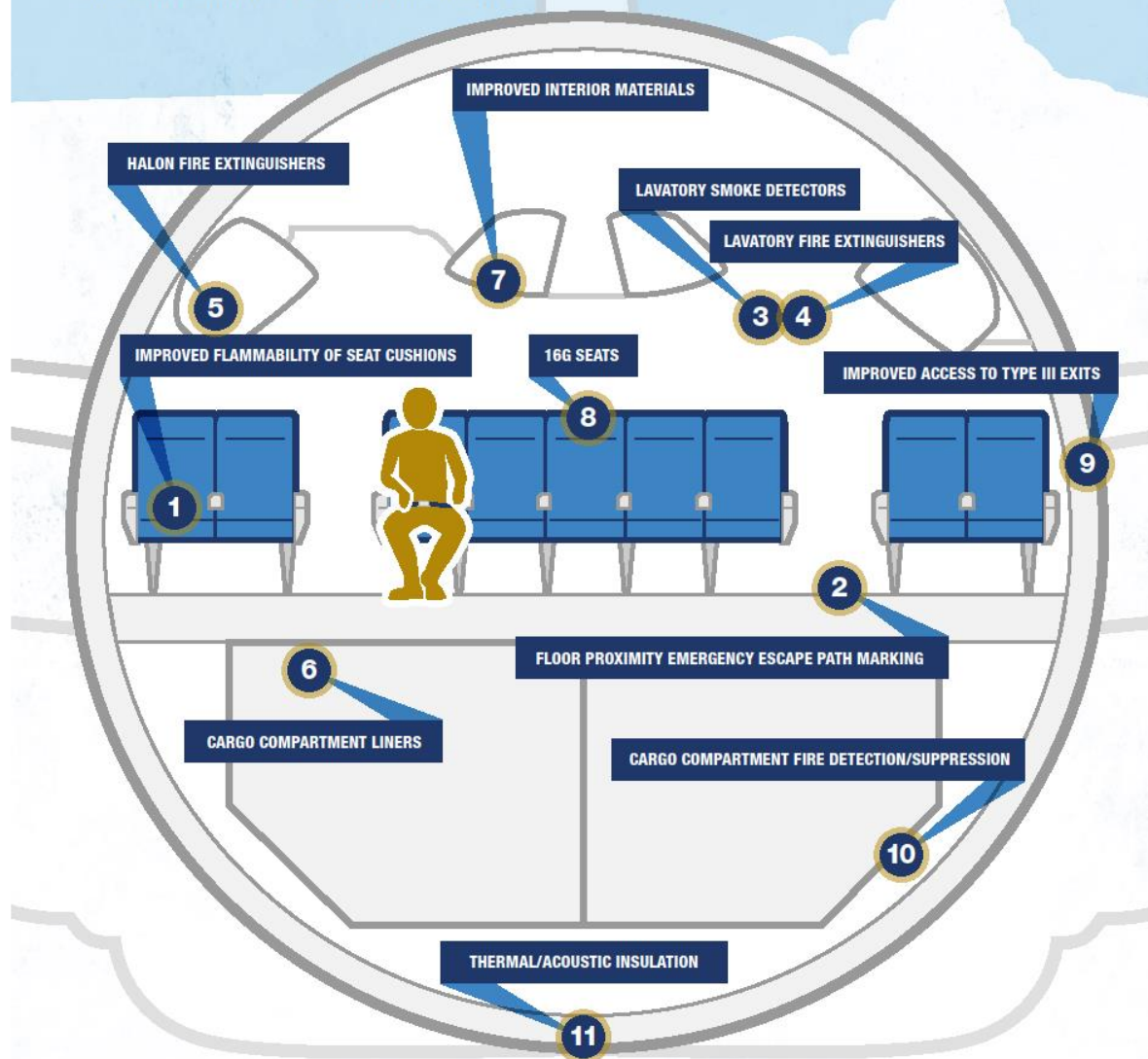
***Flying is the Safest Mode  
of  
Public Transportation***





# FAA Fact Sheet: Improvements to Aircraft Survivability

The FAA research and upgrades to aircraft over the years have significantly increased the likelihood of passengers surviving an aviation accident.





# *Is Aviation Risk Free?*







# NTSB **MOST WANTED**

## Transportation Safety Improvements

*"... a program to increase the public's awareness of, and support for, action to adopt safety steps that can help prevent accidents and save lives."*

1. Improve Safety of Emergency Medical Services Flights
2. Improve Runway Safety
3. Reduce Dangers to Aircraft Flying in Icing Conditions
4. Improve Crew Resource Management for Part 135 Ops
5. Require Crash-Worthy Image Recorders in Cockpits
6. Reduce Accidents and Incidents Cause by Human Fatigue
7. Improve Oversight of Pilot Proficiency

# ***13 Hazards on Take-Off***

***(AirDisaster.com)***

Ground vehicles

Landing aircraft

Slush/water on runway

Bad visibility

Crosswind

Tire damage

Bird strike

High climb angle

Low climb angle

Midair collision

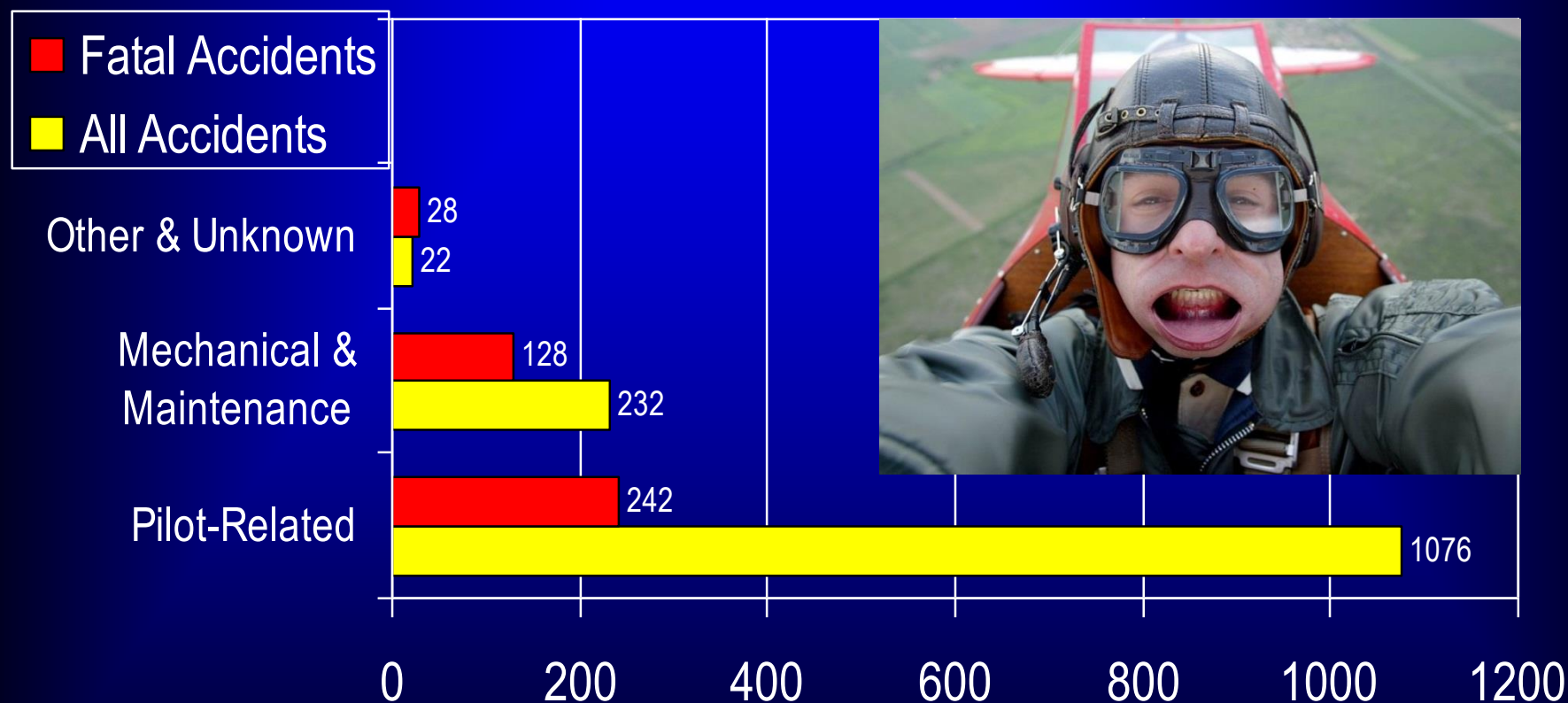
Engine failure

Bad weather

System failure

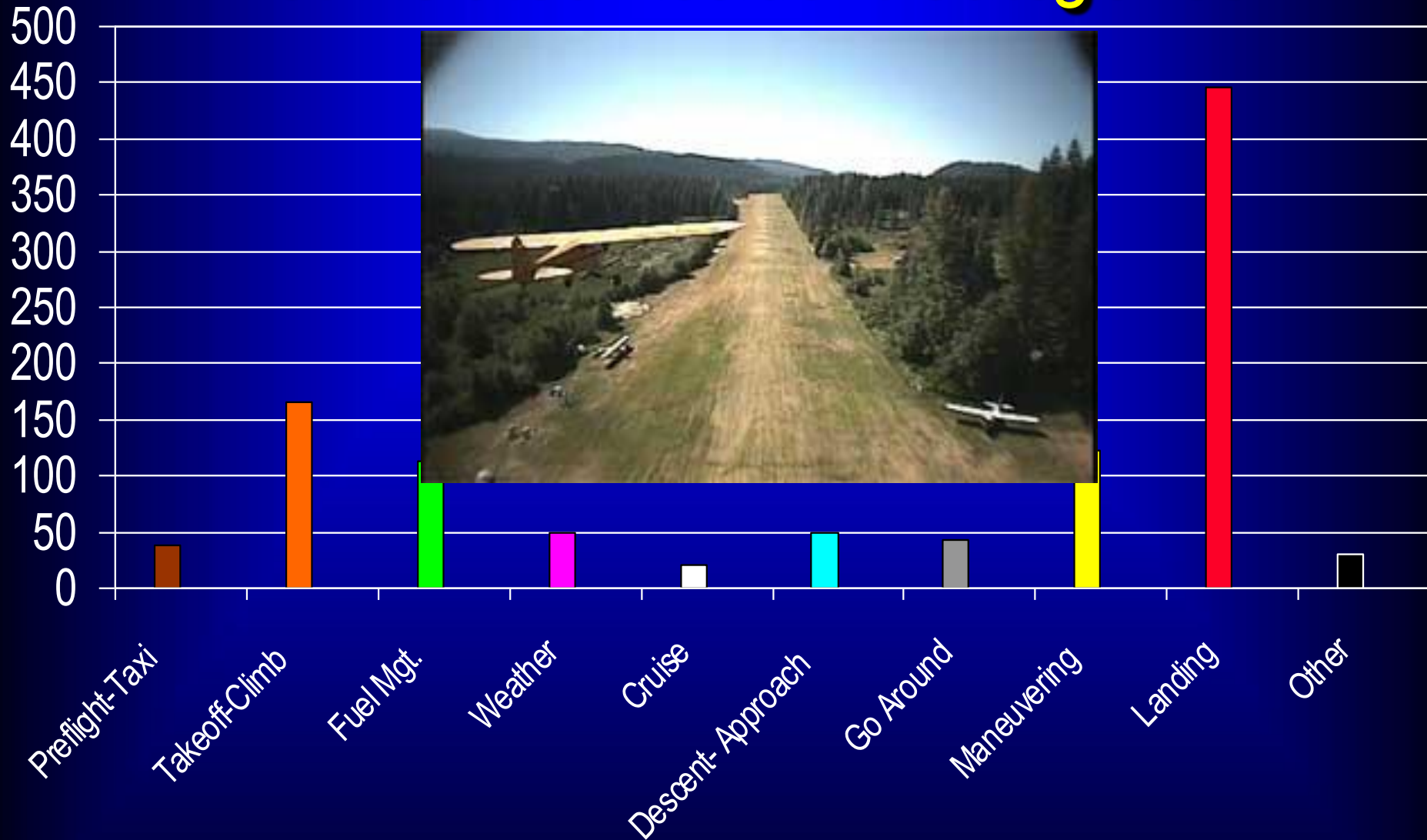
# Accident Causes in General Aviation

(1,436 Accidents {292 fatal} - 2005)

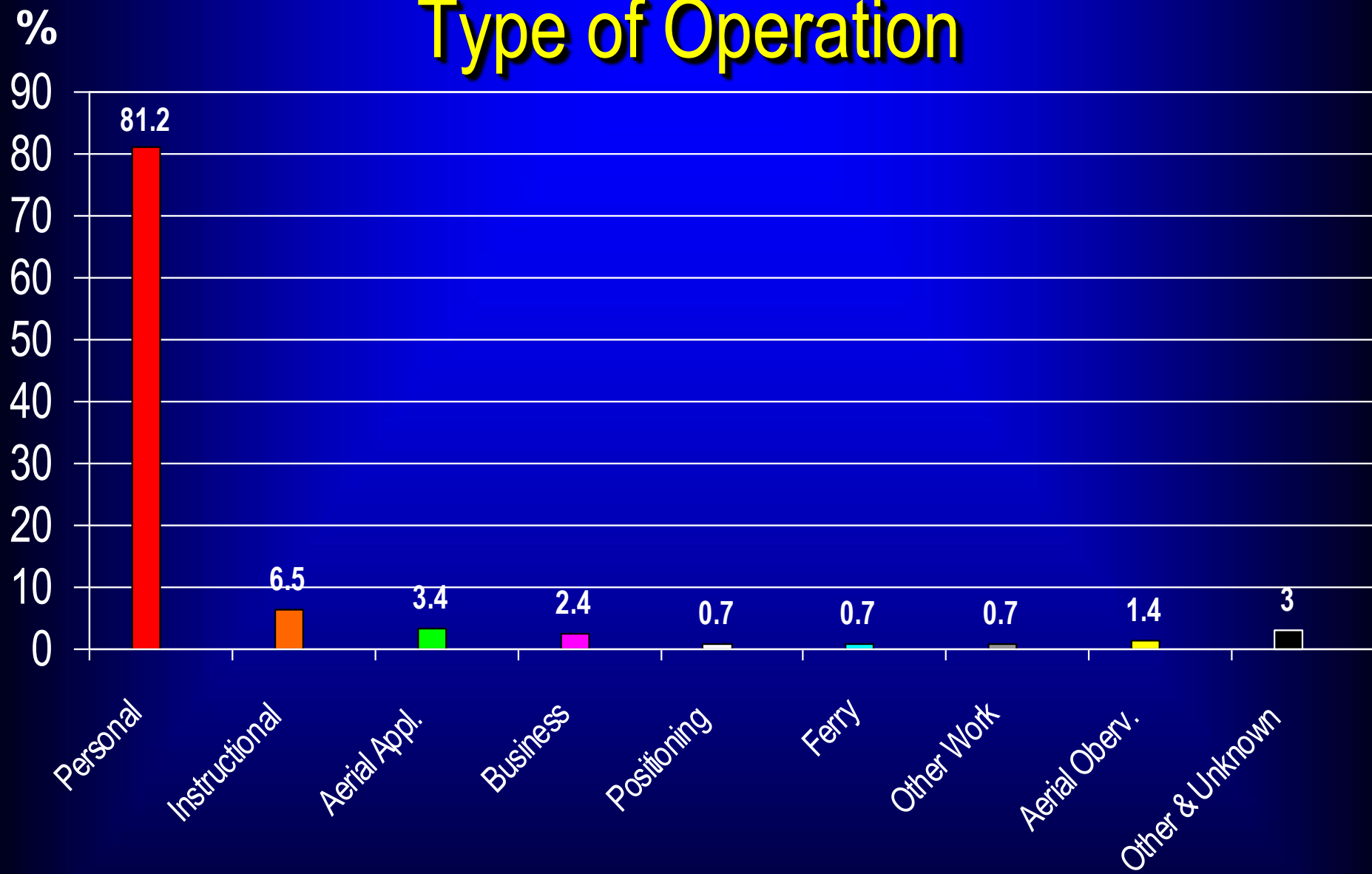




# Pilot-Related Accident Categories



# Type of Operation



# GOOD RULE OF THUMB

*“Always leave yourself an  
OUT or WIGGLE ROOM to  
deal with the unexpected”*











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AVIATION







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NO TRESPASSING**  
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September 22, 2007

Pilot took off from Fort Lauderdale and lost power during initial ascent

Performed an emergency landing on a highway

Hit a warehouse on the side of the road

The twin-engine Beechcraft disintegrated around the pilot

He fractured his left leg, left arm and nose but survived



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An aerial view of a city street, likely in New York City. A white helicopter with the number '41' on its side is flying low over the street. Several cars are visible on the street below. The surrounding area includes multi-story buildings and green trees.

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# *Wildlife Risks*



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Safety and Survivability Issues in Civil Aviation



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Table 1. Number of reported wildlife strikes to civil aircraft by wildlife group, USA, 1990–2011 (see Figures 1 and 2).

Year	Birds	Bats	Terrestrial mammals <sup>1</sup>	Reptiles <sup>1</sup>	Total strikes	Strikes with damage
1990	1,748	4	52	0	1,804	372
1991	2,266	3	54	0	2,323	401
1992	2,360	2	73	1	2,436	368
1993	2,409	6	67	0	2,482	399
1994	2,472	2	82	1	2,557	464
1995	2,679	5	84	8	2,776	500
1996	2,856	1	91	3	2,951	505
1997	3,353	1	95	14	3,463	582
1998	3,691	3	111	7	3,812	588
1999	5,022	7	96	1	5,126	706
2000	5,870	16	124	3	6,013	765
2001	5,676	8	140	8	5,832	650
2002	6,104	19	119	15	6,257	675
2003	5,886	20	127	5	6,038	635
2004	6,411	27	129	6	6,573	628
2005	7,092	27	132	7	7,258	609
2006	7,053	49	142	10	7,254	599
2007	7,538	53	175	7	7,773	571
2008	7,417	46	183	5	7,651	528
2009	9,229	67	232	10	9,538	607
2010	9,546	113	247	11	9,917	598
2011	9,730	139	199	15	10,083	541
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,408</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>2,754</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>119,917</b>	<b>12,291</b>

<sup>1</sup> For terrestrial mammals and reptiles, species with body masses <1 kilogram (2.2 pounds) are excluded from database (Dolbeer et al. 2005).



## **1990 - 2011**

- Total of 119,917 wildlife strikes (116,408 with birds)
- Birds were involved in 97.1% of the strikes
- Number of strikes reported annually increased over 5-fold
- Strikes were reported from 1,714 USA airports
- Pilots had to dump fuel (~13,700 gal of jet fuel per dump) in 46 cases
- Strikes occurring above 500 feet were more likely to cause damage
- Record altitude for a reported bird strike was 31,300 feet
- 12,291 aircraft were damaged
- 57 aircraft were destroyed

## **Since 1988**

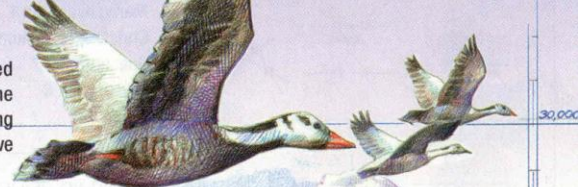
- Over 250 people killed worldwide



JETLINERS: 35,000 feet

### MOUNTAIN GLIDERS

The highest flier, the bar-headed goose, has been sighted over the highest Himalayan peaks, forgoing lower mountain passes. Swans have been seen flying at 27,000 feet.



BAR-HEADED GEESE: 29,000 feet

### BREATHTAKING PILOTS

At 20,000 feet, birds breathe where mammals can't, thanks to a complex respiratory system that sends a continuous flow of oxygen through their lungs.



RAPTORS: 22,000 feet

### DISTANCE AVIATORS

Many long-range fliers rise from 5,000 up to 20,000 feet during migration, gaining height as they burn fat and lose weight. The distance champ is the Arctic tern, with a 13,000-mile trip between polar regions twice a year.



WATERFOWL: 16,000 feet



### NIGHT FLIERS

Nocturnal migrants—most songbirds and ducks—take advantage of less turbulence and fewer predators while gaining feeding time during daylight hours.



SONGBIRDS: 6,000 feet



SMALL PLANES: 8,000 feet

### DARING BARNSTORMERS

New radar data show that when songbirds migrating over the Gulf of Mexico hit strong headwinds, they drop to low altitudes. In the future they will risk collisions with wind turbines.

### SEA-LEVEL CRUISERS

Some migrants, including sandpipers and sea ducks, skim the water so closely that they disappear behind cresting waves.

SANDPIPERS: 3 feet

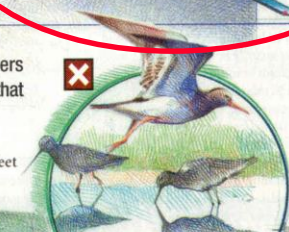


Table 9. Reported phase of flight at time of occurrence of wildlife strikes with civil aircraft, USA, 1990–2011<sup>1</sup>.

Phase of flight	Birds		Terrestrial mammals	
	22- year total	% of total known	22- year total	% of total known
Parked	55	<1	2	<1
Taxi	289	<1	38	2
Take-off Run	15,473	19	559	32
Climb	14,545	18	35 <sup>2</sup>	2
En Route	2,084	3	0	0
Descent	2,838	3	0	0
Approach	32,887	40	121 <sup>2</sup>	7
Landing Roll	13,940	17	993	57
<b>Total known</b>	<b>82,111</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>34,297</b>		<b>1,006</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,408</b>		<b>2,754</b>	









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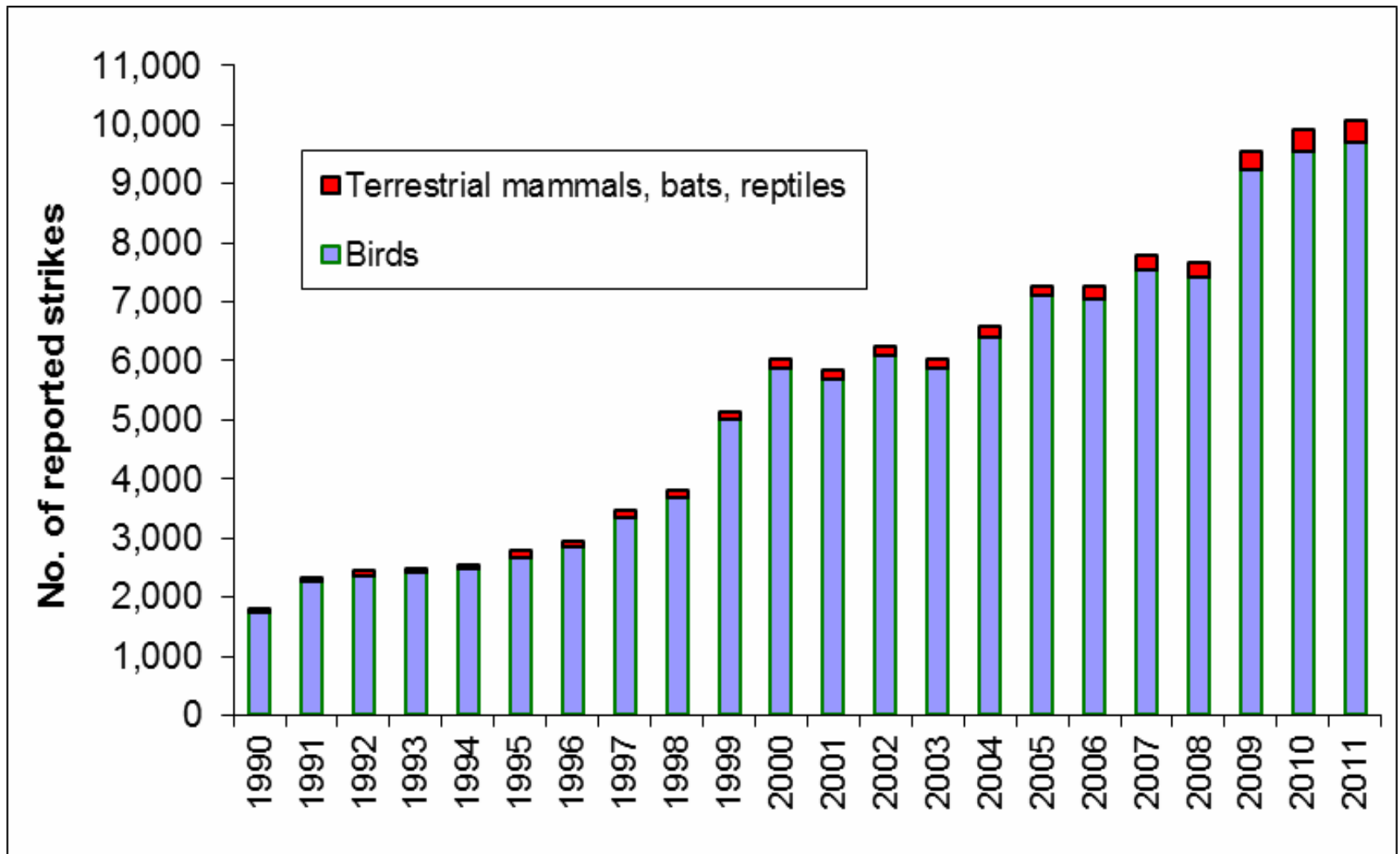
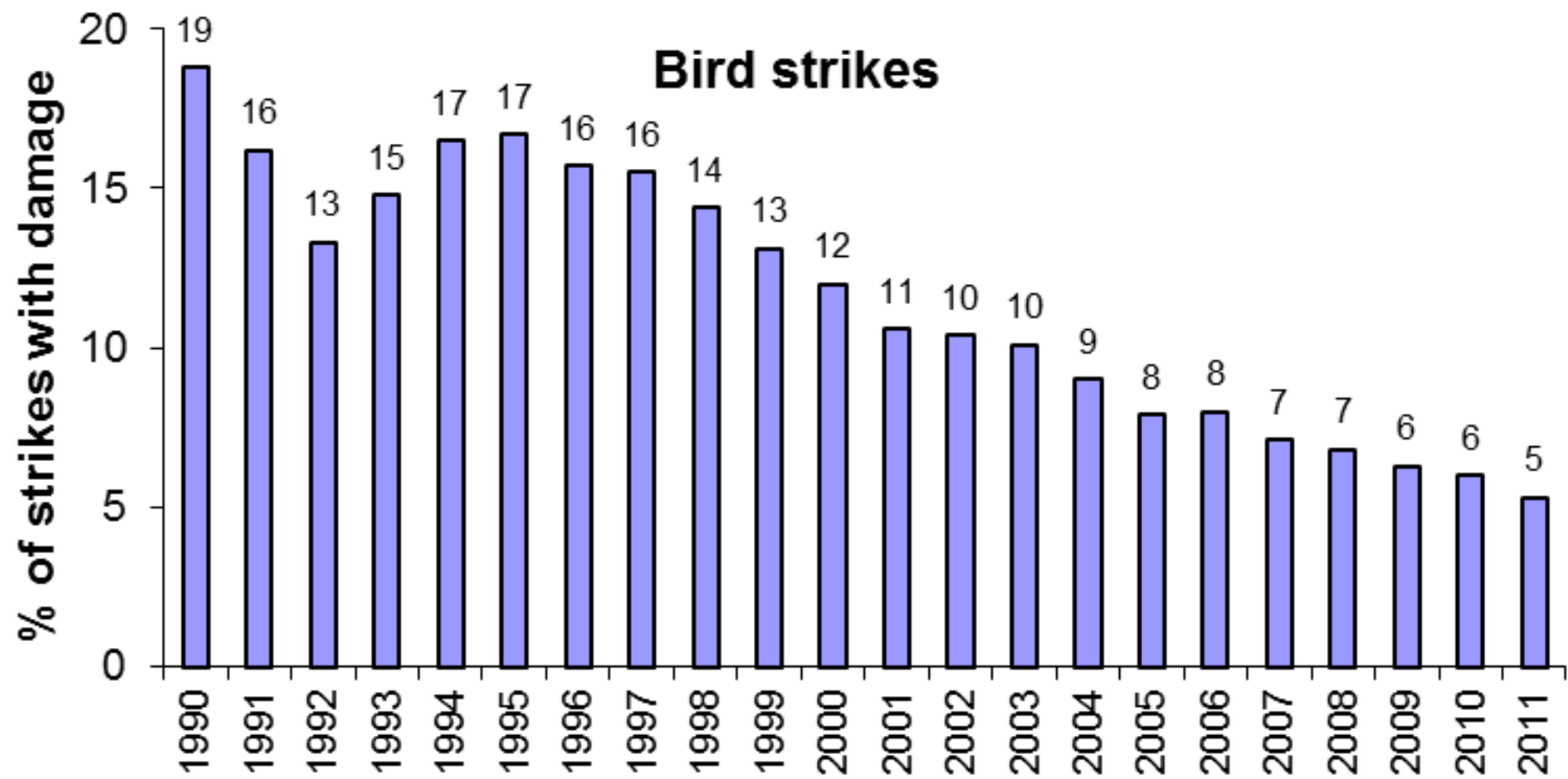


Figure 1. Number of reported wildlife strikes with civil aircraft, USA, 1990–2011. The 119,917 strikes involved birds (116,408), terrestrial mammals (2,754), bats (618), and reptiles (137, see Table 1).













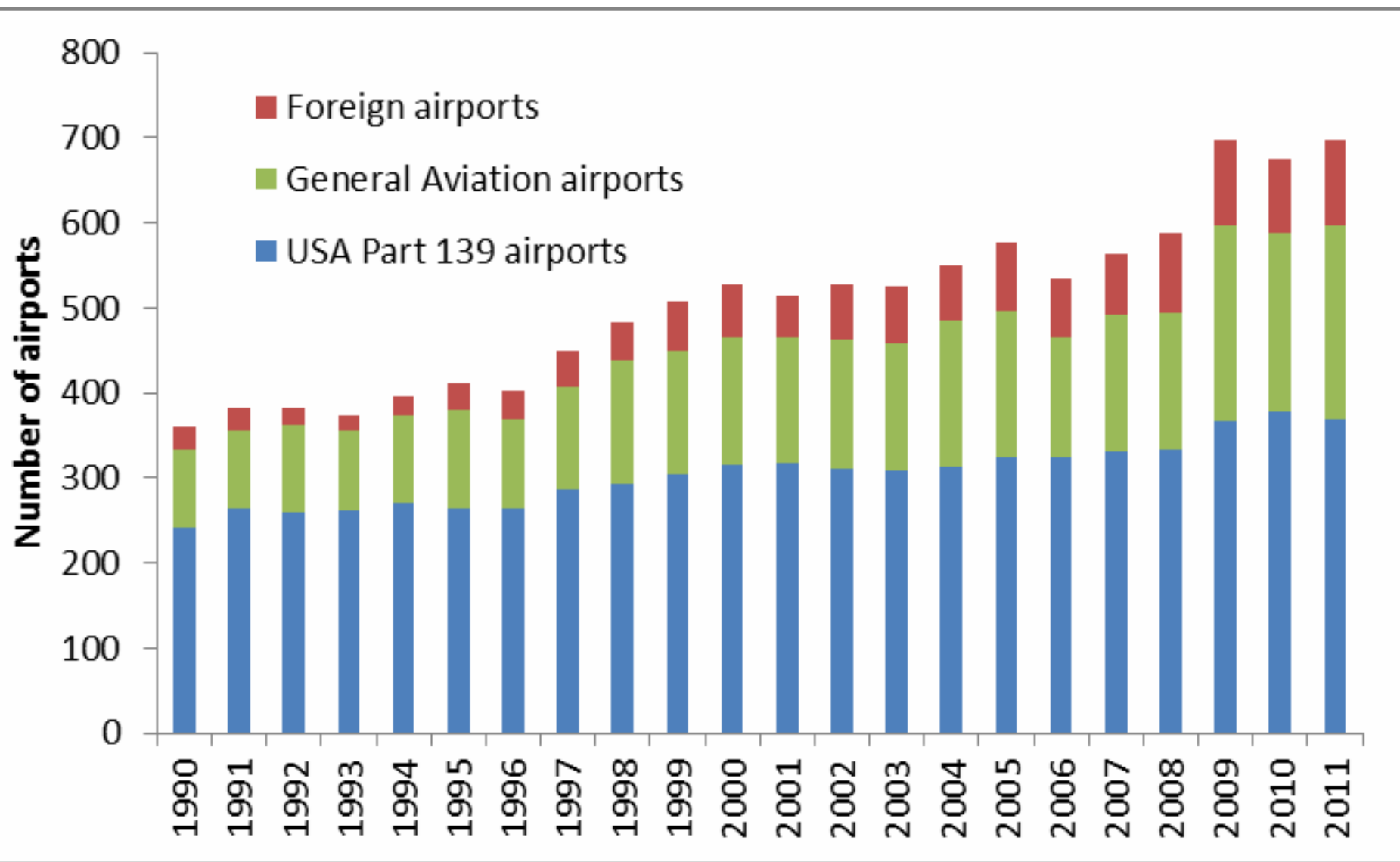


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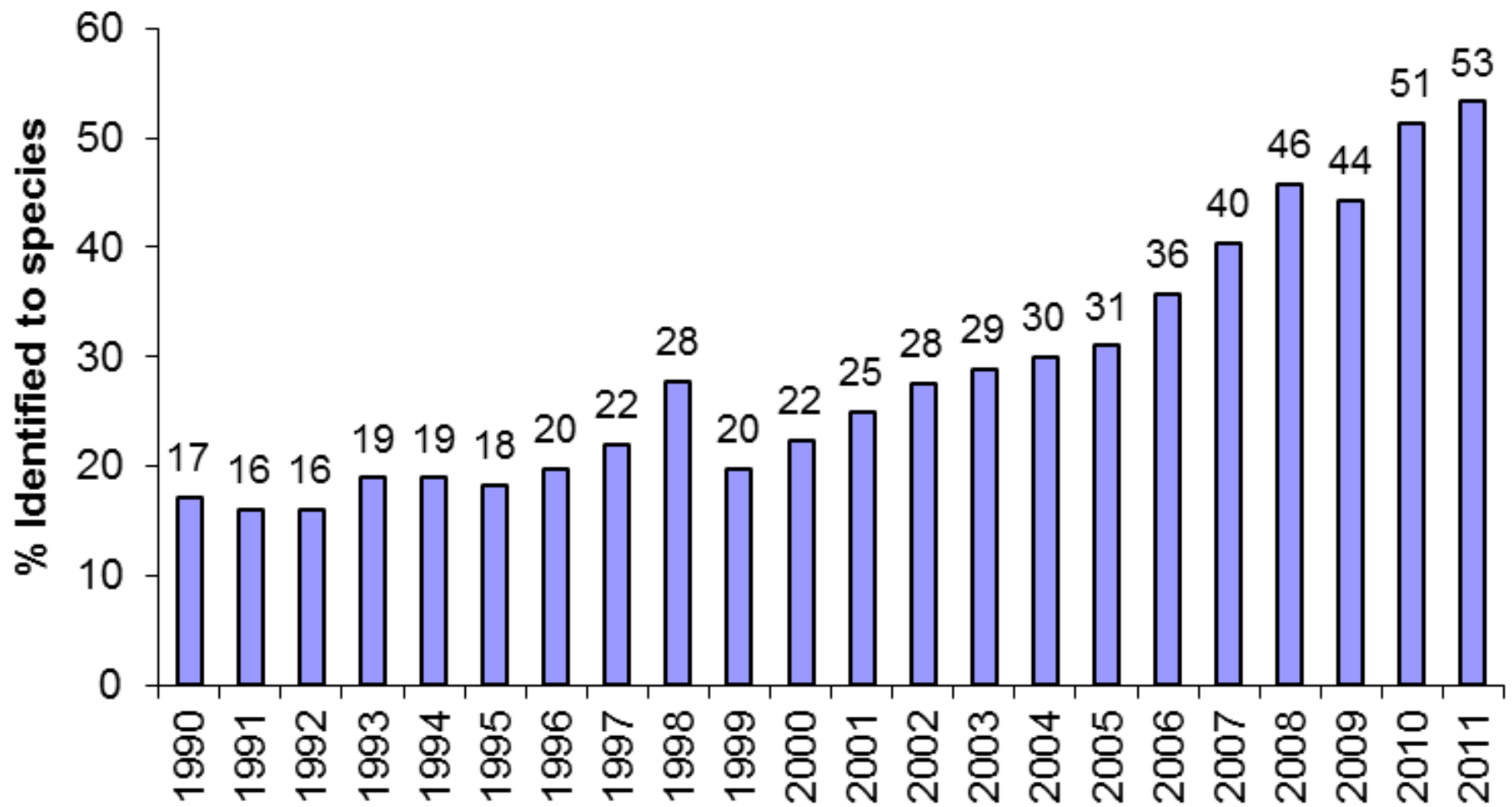
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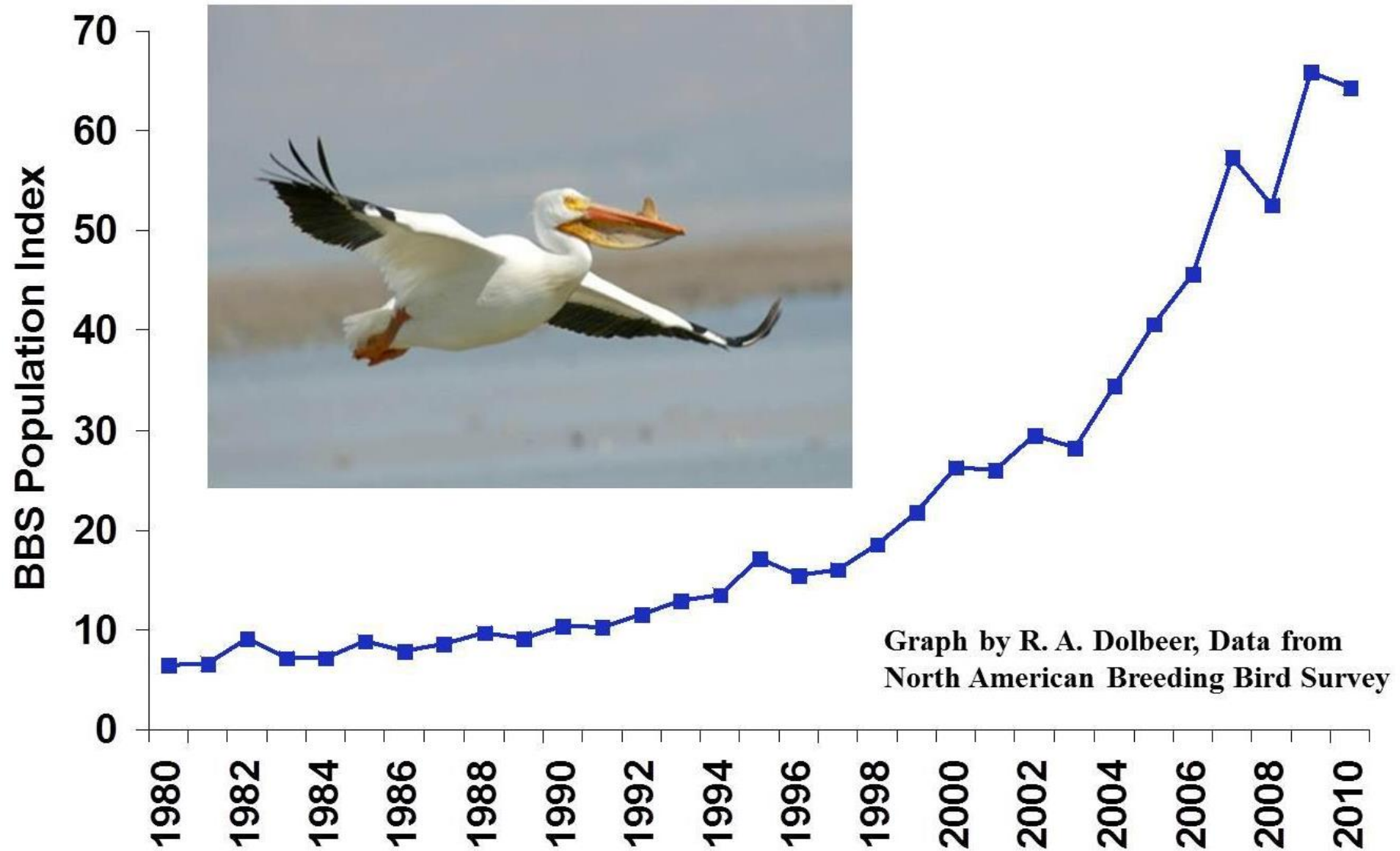




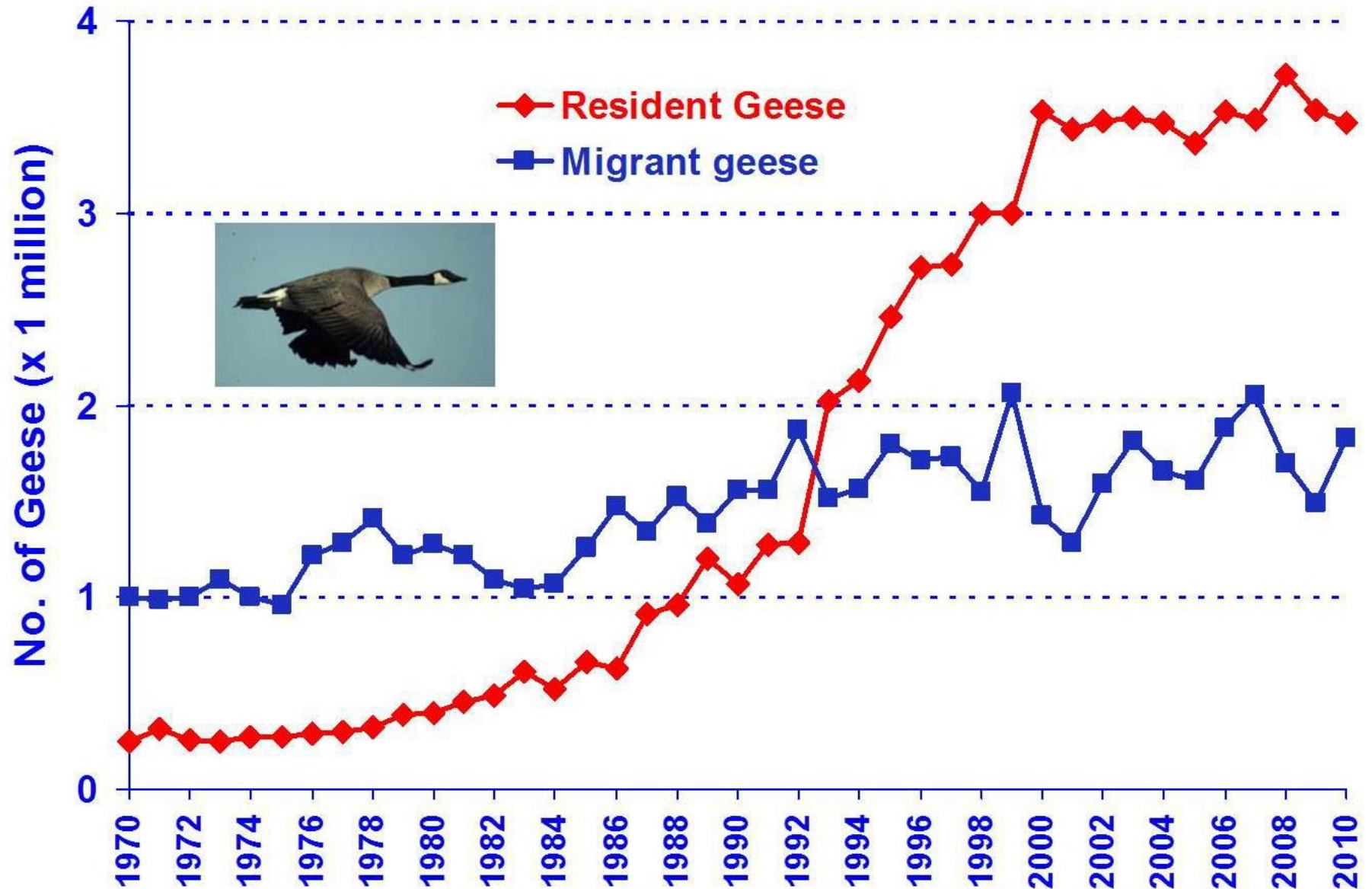


**About 90% of all bird strikes in the U.S. are by species  
Federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act**

# Breeding population of white pelicans has increased over 6 fold in North America, 1990-2010



# Canada Goose population in North America, 1970-2010 (resident and migratory)



(Graph by R. A. Dolbeer with data from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)















The cooperative FAA/USDA APHIS WS National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) continues its efforts to improve wildlife management techniques and practices on and near airports including:

- *Alternatives to habitat management to reduce attraction to hazardous species*
- *Techniques for controlling species by restricting access to attractive features like storm water ponds*
- *Technologies for harassing and deterring hazardous species*
- *Evaluation of avian radar systems for detecting and tracking birds on or near airports*
- *Aircraft-mounted alternating pulse lights to enhance aircraft detection and deter wildlife strikes*



# ***Aircraft Birdstrike Avoidance Radar***





# *Bird Cannon*





The Avian Infrasound Non-lethal Denial System uses a passive infrasound detector that listens for an approaching flock of birds and activates subwoofer speakers that generate high-intensity but low-frequency sound (below the range of human hearing)

The system can be used as a non-lethal avian active denial system at commercial aviation facilities in areas that have high concentrations of birds that pose a threat to aircraft from bird-strikes and/or aircraft/facility damage, communication towers, energy wind-driven windmills and harbors and shipyards



















JFK Flights Delayed by 30 minutes (6/29/11)  
150 diamondback terrapins turtles crossing  
one runway

The FAA recorded 18 collisions between civil  
aircraft and diamondback terrapins from 1990  
to 2007









# Stowaway mouse grounds flight from Sweden to Chicago (08/18/11)



# Stowaway mouse grounds flight from Nepal to Bangkok (09/05/11)



Thousands of bees on a plane wing - as crews were getting ready to fuel the plane - delay flight at Pittsburg airport (06/08/12)

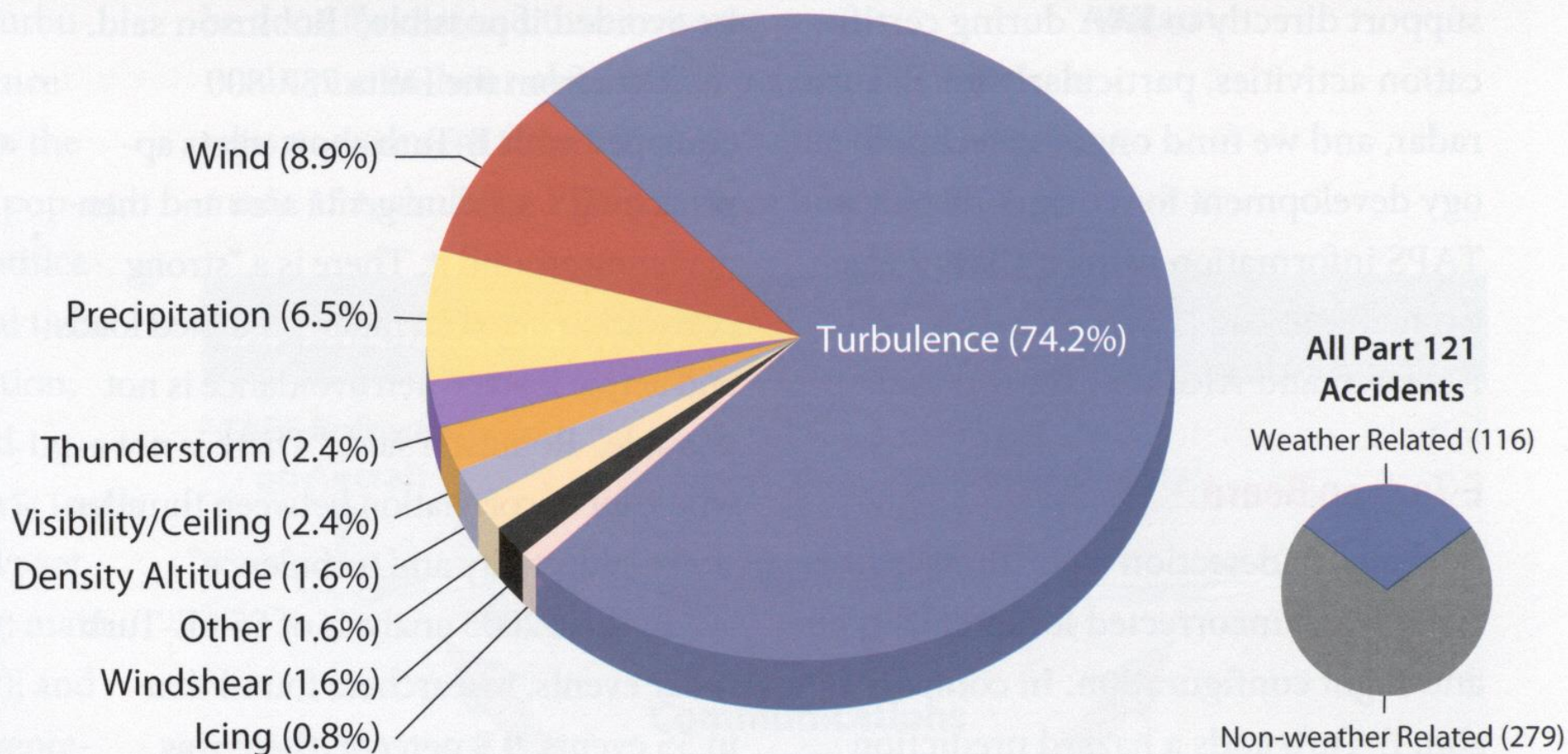


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# *Weather Risks*

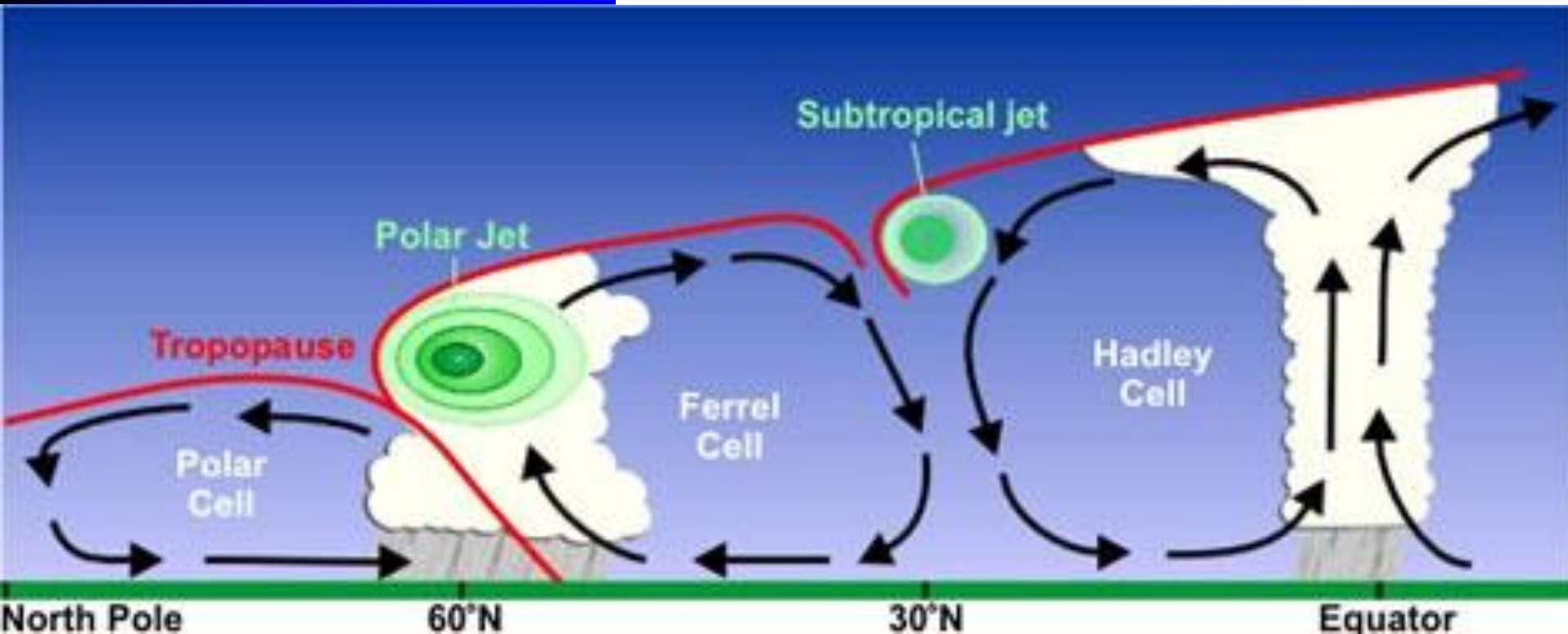
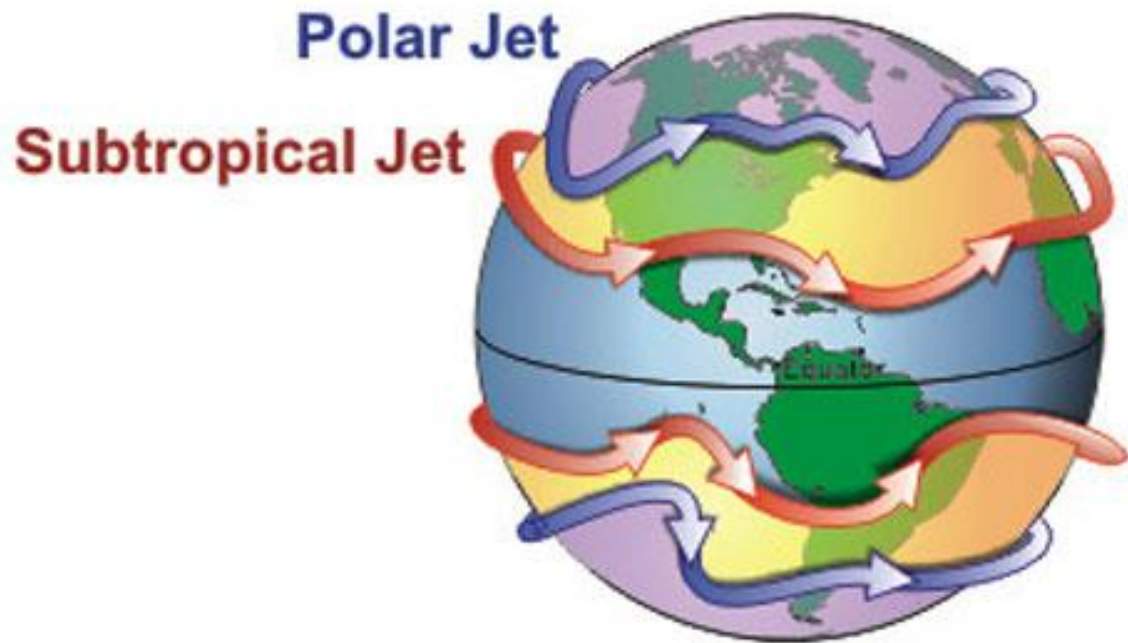
# U.S. FARs Part 121 Weather-Related Accidents by Weather Condition, 1994–2003



FARs = U.S. Federal Aviation Regulations

Source: National Aviation Safety Data Analysis Center, U.S. Federal Aviation Administration

# Inflight Turbulence





# CLEAR AIR TURBULENCE

- Turbulence not associated with clouds and cannot be seen visually
- Caused by Jet Streams, mountainous terrain and proximity to cumulonimbus cells
- Can cause structural damage, physical injury to occupants and impair crew performance

Each year 58 passengers are injured  
during flight because of turbulence

198 turbulence incidents (1980-04)

2/3 occurred above 30K ft

266 serious injuries

3 fatalities



# Short-Wave UV LASER-based Turbulence Detector

## Demonstration of LIDAR-based CAT Detection (DELICAT)





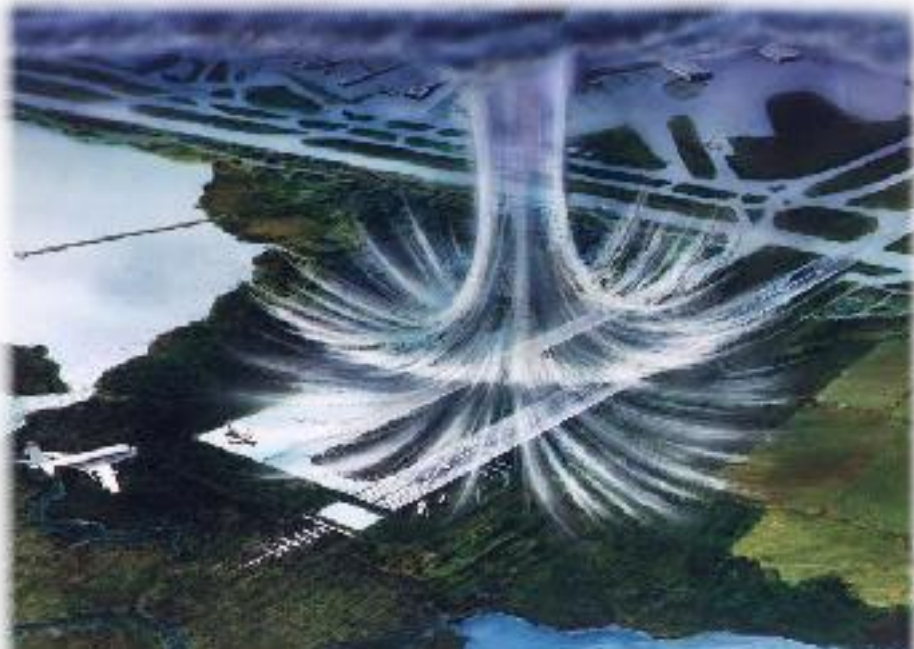


Fig. 3 Virga Caused Microburst

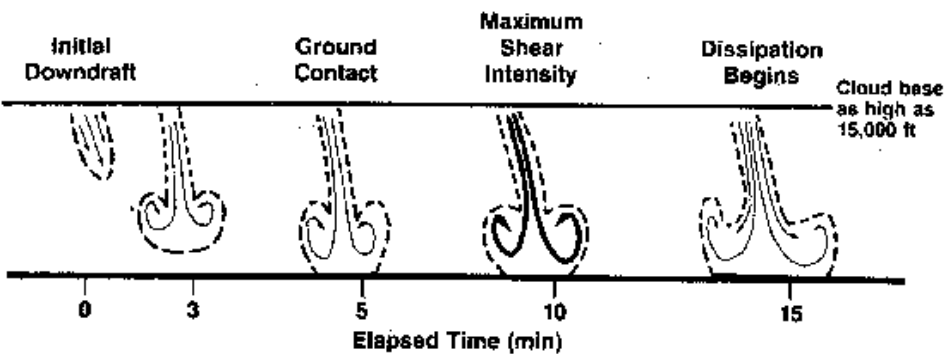
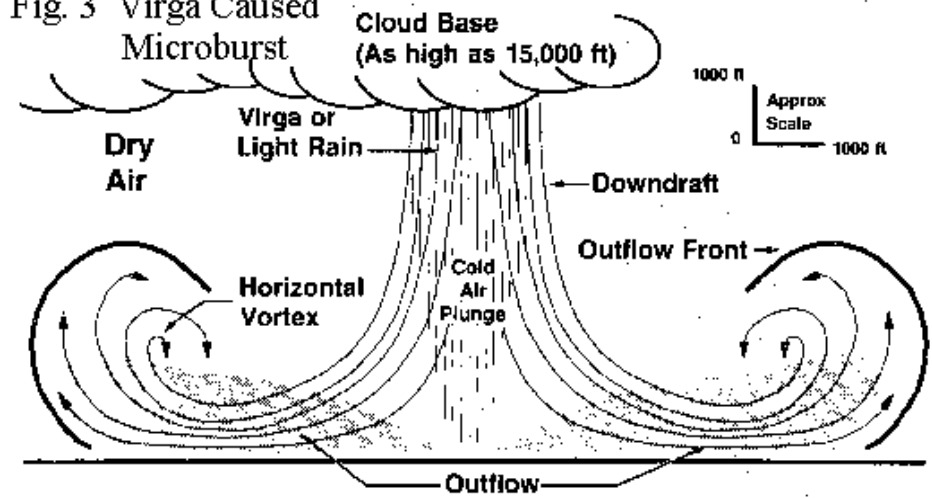


Fig. 4 Lifecycle of a typical Microburst.









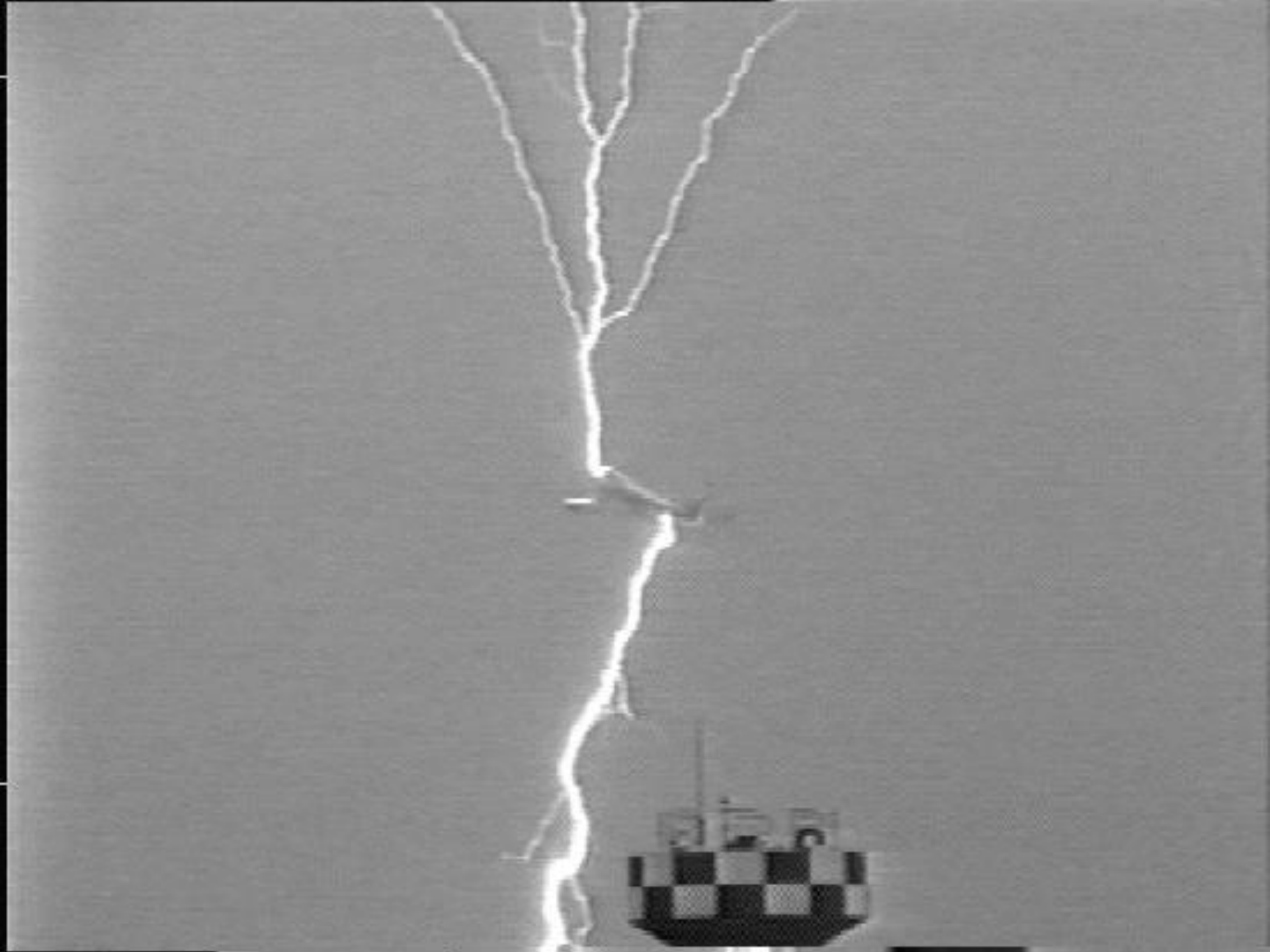


### Types of Injuries:

- *Abrasions*
- *Contusions*
- *Spinal & Rib Fractures*
- *Head Trauma*

### 235 passengers & 20 crew

- *2 passengers died*
- *149 passengers injured*
  - 53 serious*
  - 96 minor*
- *7 crew injured*





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# NTSB

- Between 01/01/62 and 04/30/2010
- Lightning was a contributing factor in 58 aviation accidents
- Only 41 involved actual strikes and 68% landed safely
- There were 202 fatalities and 46 injuries



# Effects of Lightning on an Aircraft Surface

- Burning or melting at strike points
  - Increase in temperature
  - Residual magnetism
  - Acoustic shock effects
  - Arcing at hinges, joints and bonding points
  - Ignition of fuel vapors
- 
- 1/3 to 1/2 of all strikes result in at least minor damage to the aircraft



# Preferred Entry Points

1. Radome
2. Wing tips
3. Bottom of the fuselage
4. Underneath the wings







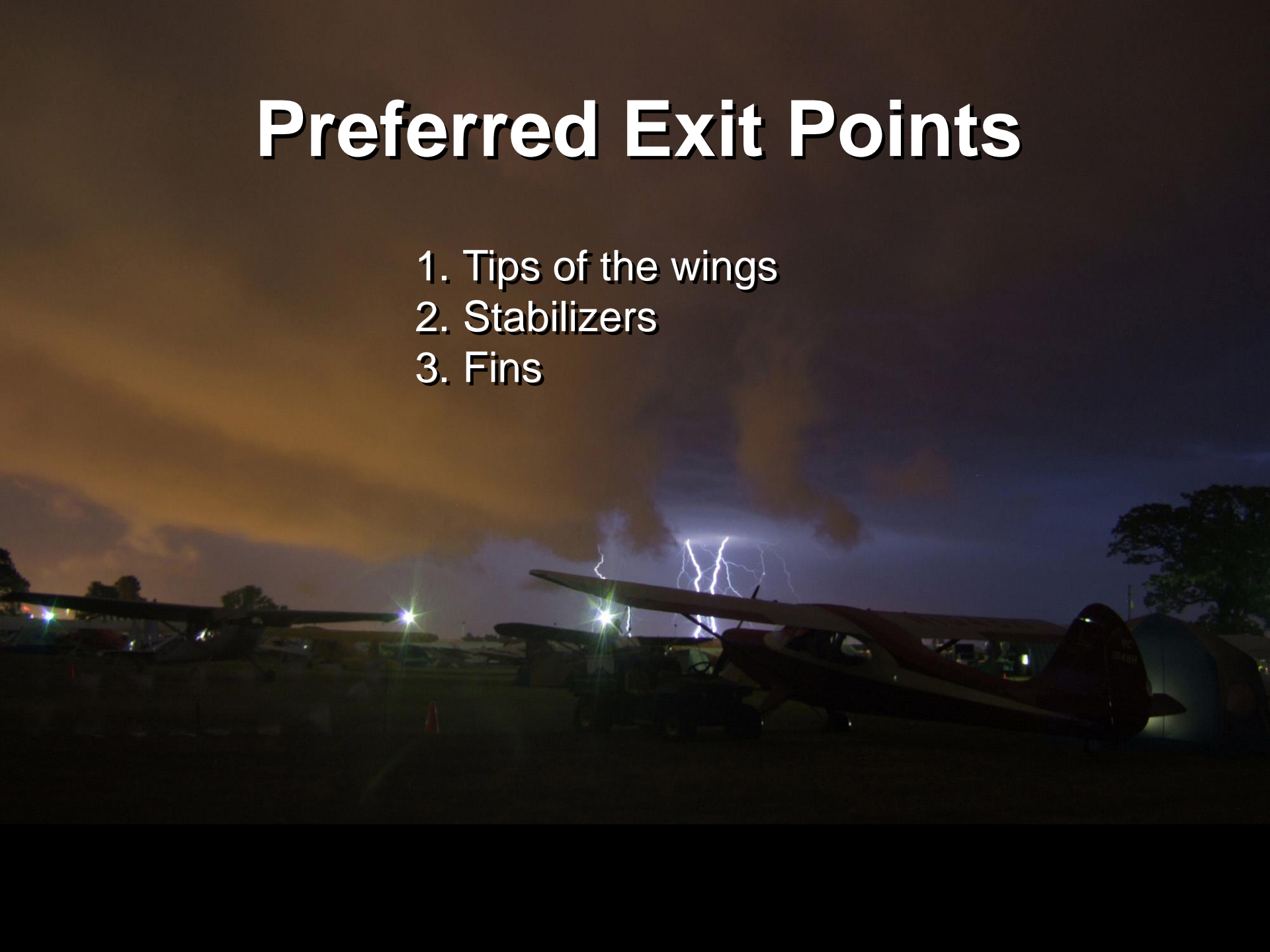






# Preferred Exit Points

1. Tips of the wings
2. Stabilizers
3. Fins



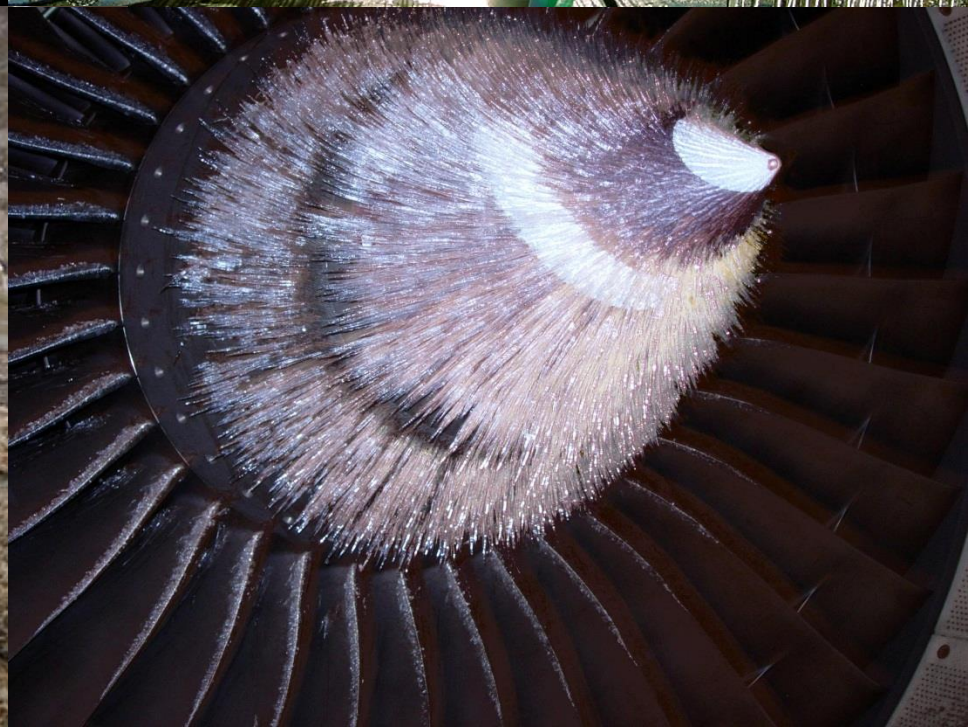


# Lightning Protection Systems

A blue commercial airplane is shown in flight against a red-tinted background. A bright yellow lightning bolt strikes the nose of the plane, and another strikes the tail. The background features a grid-like structure, possibly a window or a fence, and a silhouette of a person on the right.

1. Airframe and Structure
2. Fuel System
3. Electrical and Electronic





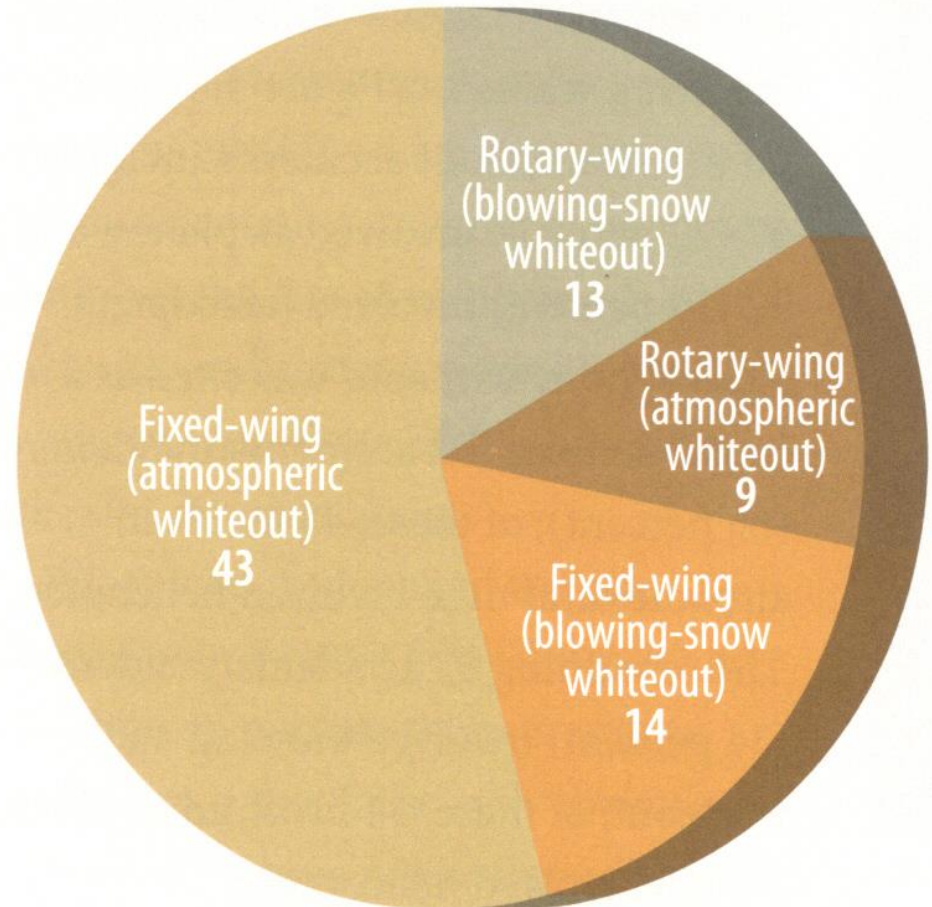


A research team from Harvard University has developed a new super-hydrophobic surface called Slippery Liquid Infused Porous Surfaces (SLIPS) for metal surfaces that will keep them free of ice and frost





## Whiteout-Related U.S. Civil Aircraft Events\*



\*Accidents and incidents from 1978–Oct. 20, 2006

Source: U.S. National Transportation Safety Board





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737-300



# Bangladesh (October 2004)



F-28

Rainy weather  
Ran off runway



# Chicago (December 2005)



B-737

Snowing

Thrust reverse failed - ran off runway

Six-year-old boy died



## Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS)

~\$8.5 million per site  
69 runway ends at 45 airports in the US, with plans to install 5 new systems at 4 additional U.S. airports

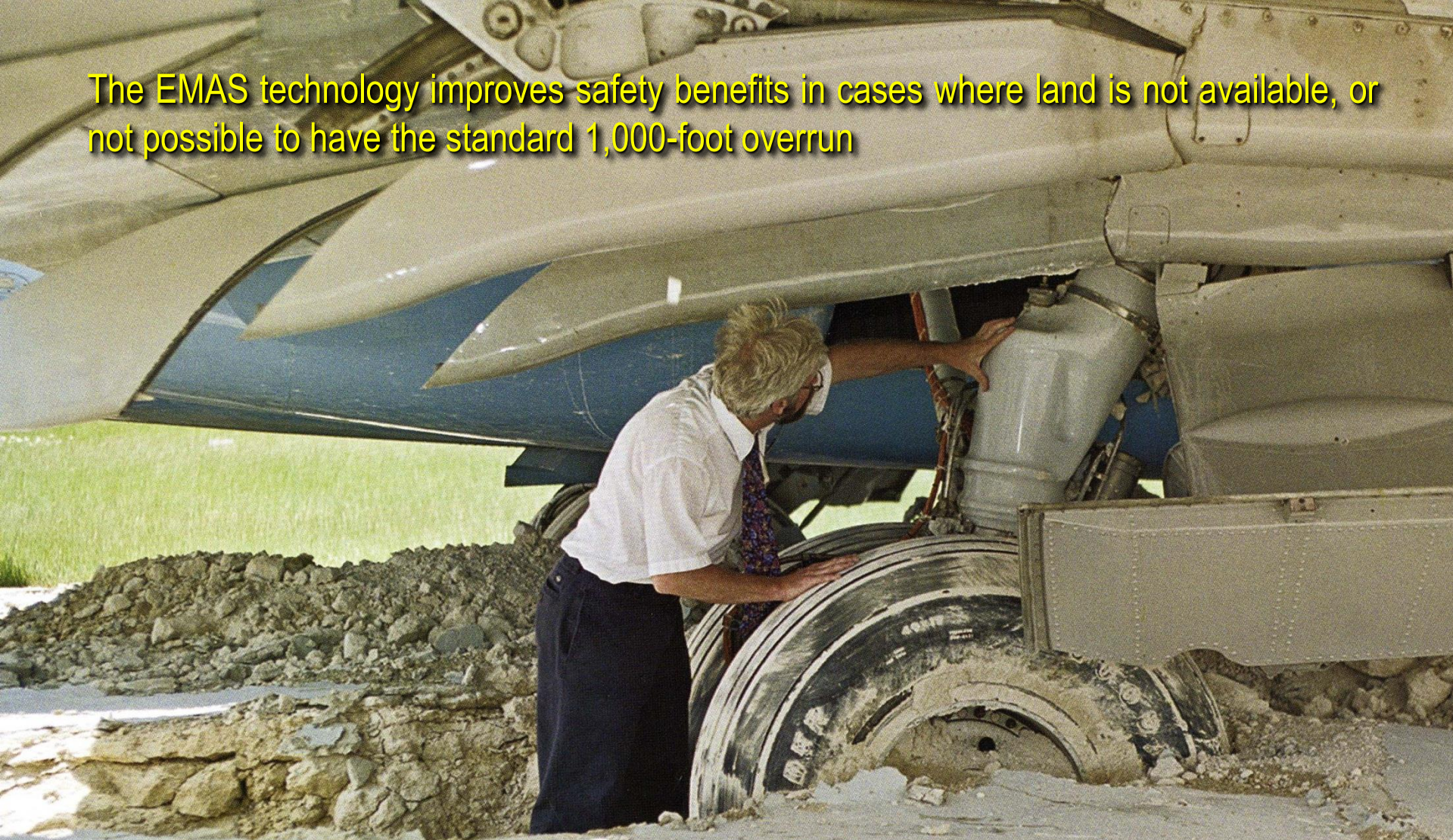


To date, there have been eight incidents where EMAS has safely stopped eight overrunning aircraft with a total of 235 crew and passengers aboard those flights

Date	Crew and Passengers	Incident
May 1999	30	A Saab 340 commuter aircraft overran the runway at JFK
May 2003	3	A Gemini Cargo MD-11 overran the runway at JFK
January 2005	3	A Boeing 747 overran the runway at JFK
July 2006	5	A Mystere Falcon 900 overran the runway at Greenville Downtown Airport in South Carolina
July 2008	145	An Airbus A320 overran the runway at ORD
January 2010	34	A Bombardier CRJ-200 regional jet overran the runway at Yeager Airport in Charleston, WVA
October 2010	10	A G-4 Gulfstream overran the runway at Teterboro Airport in Teterboro, NJ
November 2011	5	A Cessna Citation II overran the runway at Key West International Airport in Key West, FL



The EMAS technology improves safety benefits in cases where land is not available, or not possible to have the standard 1,000-foot overrun



A standard EMAS installation extends 600 feet from the end of the runway

An EMAS can be installed to help slow or stop an aircraft that overruns the runway, even if less than 600 feet of land is available





Courtesy Hollywood Park









A large, towering wall of orange-brown sand and dust dominates the upper two-thirds of the image, moving from left to right. Below the storm, a cityscape is visible, with several buildings and palm trees in the foreground. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

# Close Call in Khartoum

BY MARK LACAGNINA

**Confusion reigned when  
an A321 was flown below  
minimums in a sandstorm.**

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Dust storm in Phoenix







Air Force Staff Sgt. Thomas Jenkins recently developed a formula to increase dust storm forecast accuracy from about 10 percent to 80 percent







# Clear Communications are Very Important to Manage Risks and Prevent Accidents



























# Accident Causes in General Aviation

- ❑ Action or inaction of the pilot:  
*83% of all accidents*
- ❑ Bad weather:  
*24% of all accidents*
- ❑ Power plant or controls:  
*22% of all accidents*
- ❑ Terrain or runway conditions:  
*25% of all accidents*
- ❑ Object (tree, wires, etc.):  
*14% of all accidents*



# Most Prevalent First Occurrences

- ❑ *Loss of control in-flight*
- ❑ *Total loss of engine power (non-mechanical)*
- ❑ Loss of control on the ground
- ❑ In-flight collision with object
- ❑ Partial loss of engine power (mechanical)
- ❑ Bad weather in-flight
- ❑ In-flight collision with terrain/water
- ❑ Airframe/component/system failure/malfunction
- ❑ Hard landing



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Safety and Survivability Issues in Civil Aviation



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# Vienna (July 2000)



A-310

Landing gear did not retract

Flew to alternate airport

Ran out of fuel







Flight from Chicago to Japan  
Sgt. Bachleda noticed fuel leak  
Flight Diverted to San Francisco

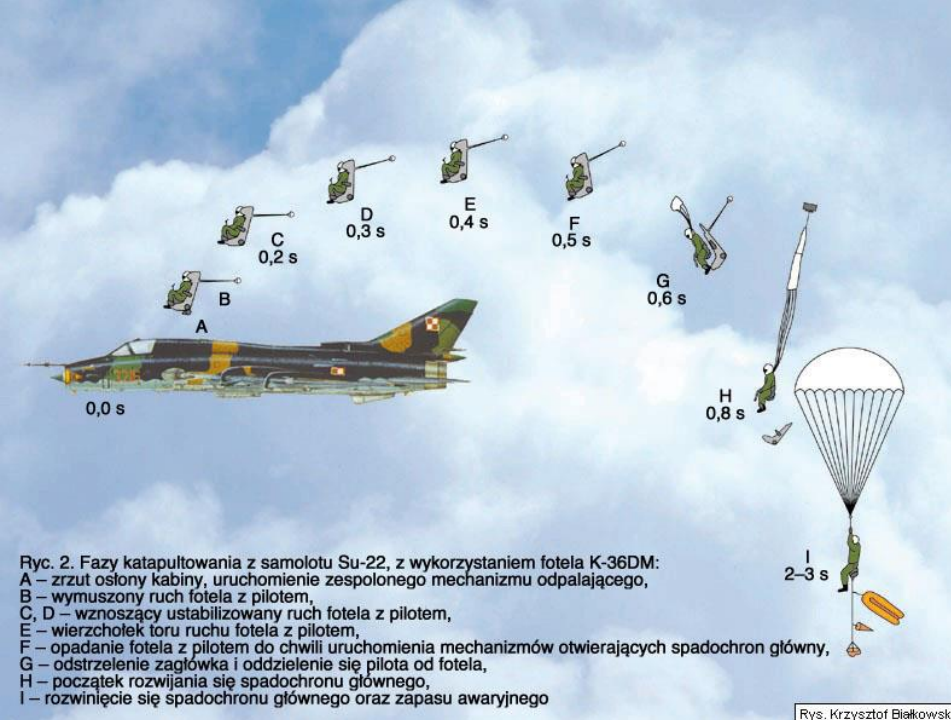








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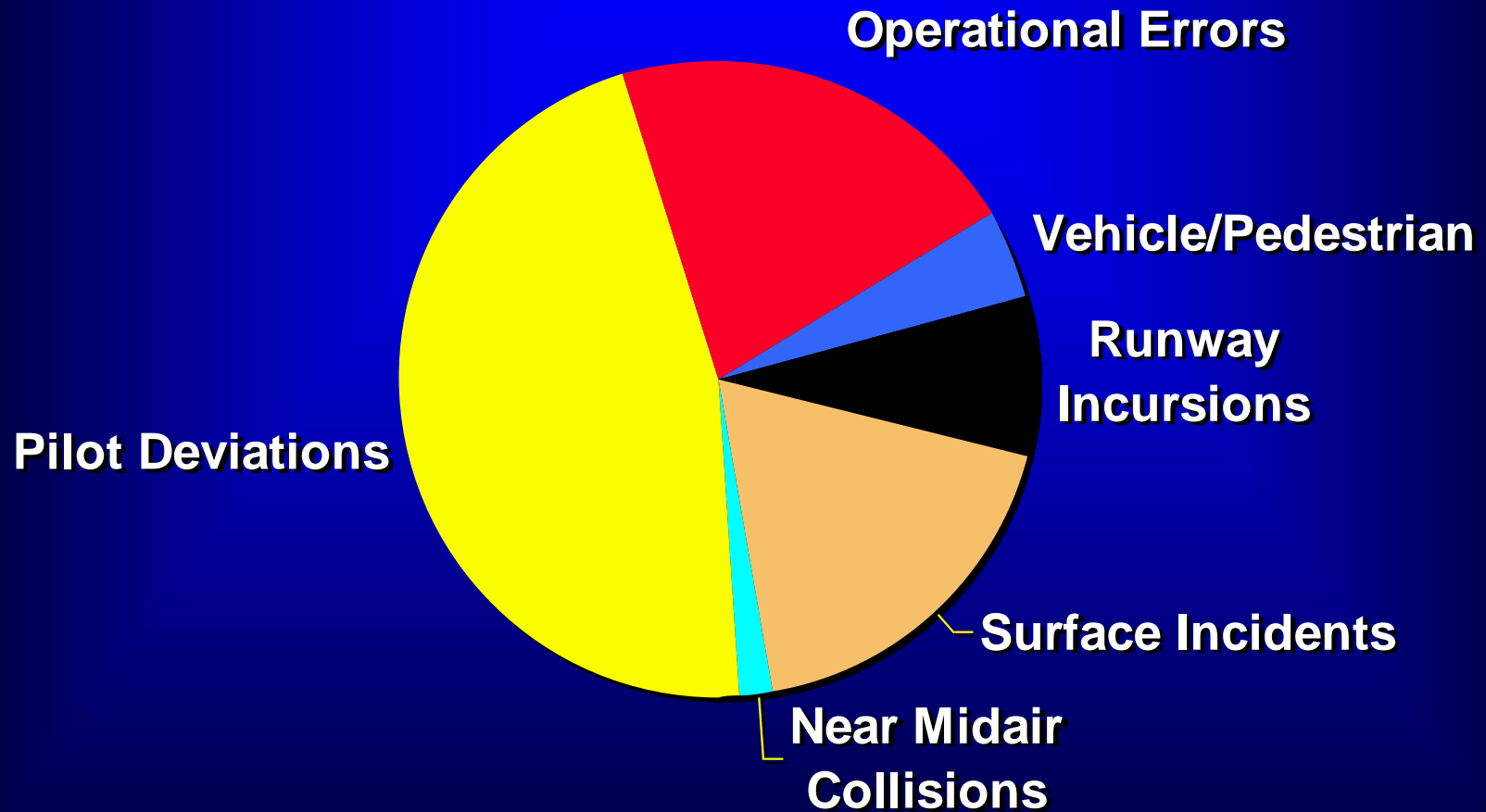


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# ***U.S. Aviation Incidents***

**6,229**





# *Ground Collision*

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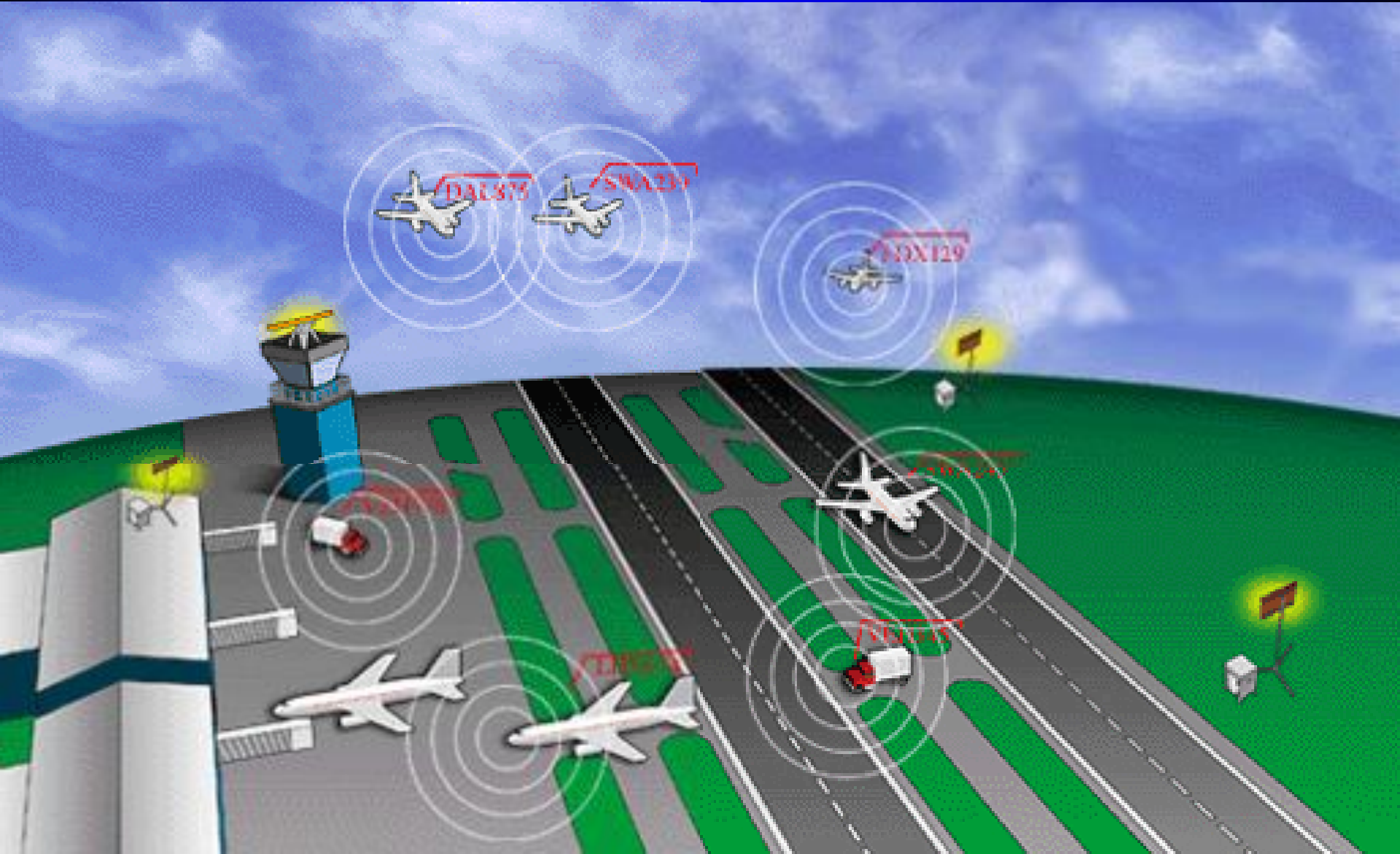
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# Airport Surface Detection Equipment Model-X (ASDE-X)



# Runway Status Lights



**Being tested at:** LAX, DFW and San Diego

## **Will be available in:**

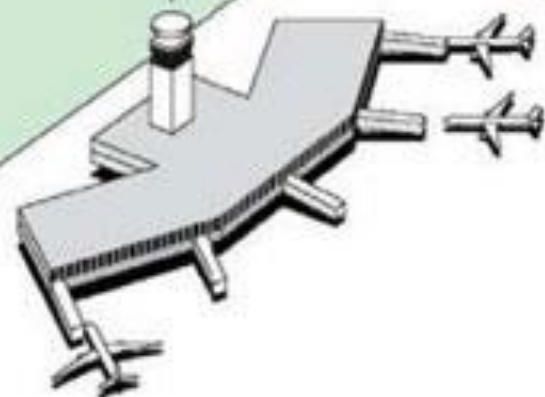
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Dulles, Ft. Lauderdale, Houston Intl, JFK, La Guardia, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, Newark, Orlando Philadelphia, Phoenix and Seattle

- Runway Entrance Lights (REL)
- Take-Off Hold Lights (THL)
- Runway Intersection Lights (RIL)
- Final Approach Runway Occupancy Signal (FAROS)





Airport Surface  
Radar (ASDE)



REL

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THL

THL

Transponder  
Multilateration

Approach Radar  
(ASR)

**REL: Runway Entrance Lights**  
**THL: Takeoff Hold Lights**











# ***Vehicle Strikes Airplane***







***Airplane Strikes Vehicle***



# ***Airplane Strikes Structure***





# *Memphis (October 2002)*



Avro RJ-85  
Lost braking  
Strikes jet bridge

# Minneapolis (May 2005)

DC-9

Lost steering & braking

Other plane was backing off the gate

Pilot and co-pilot seriously injured

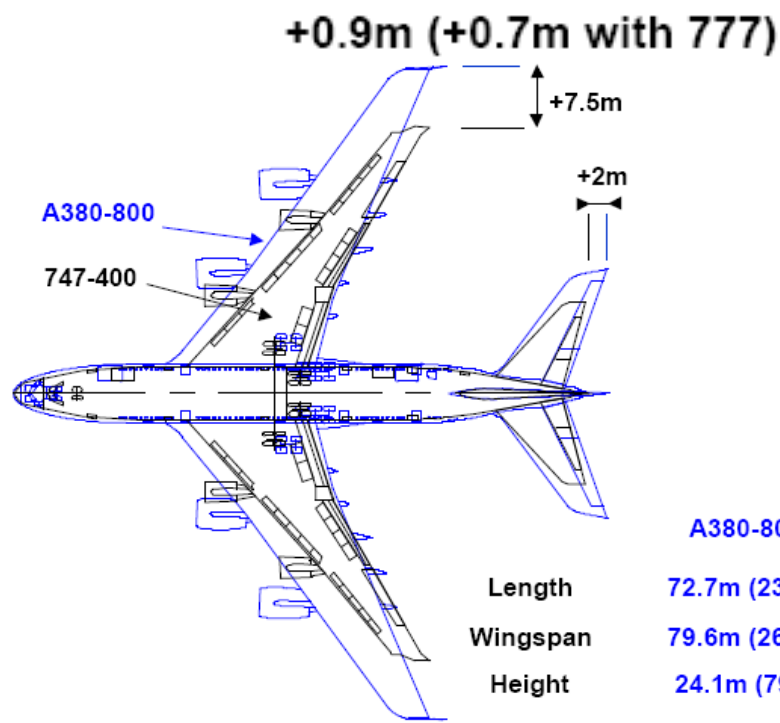
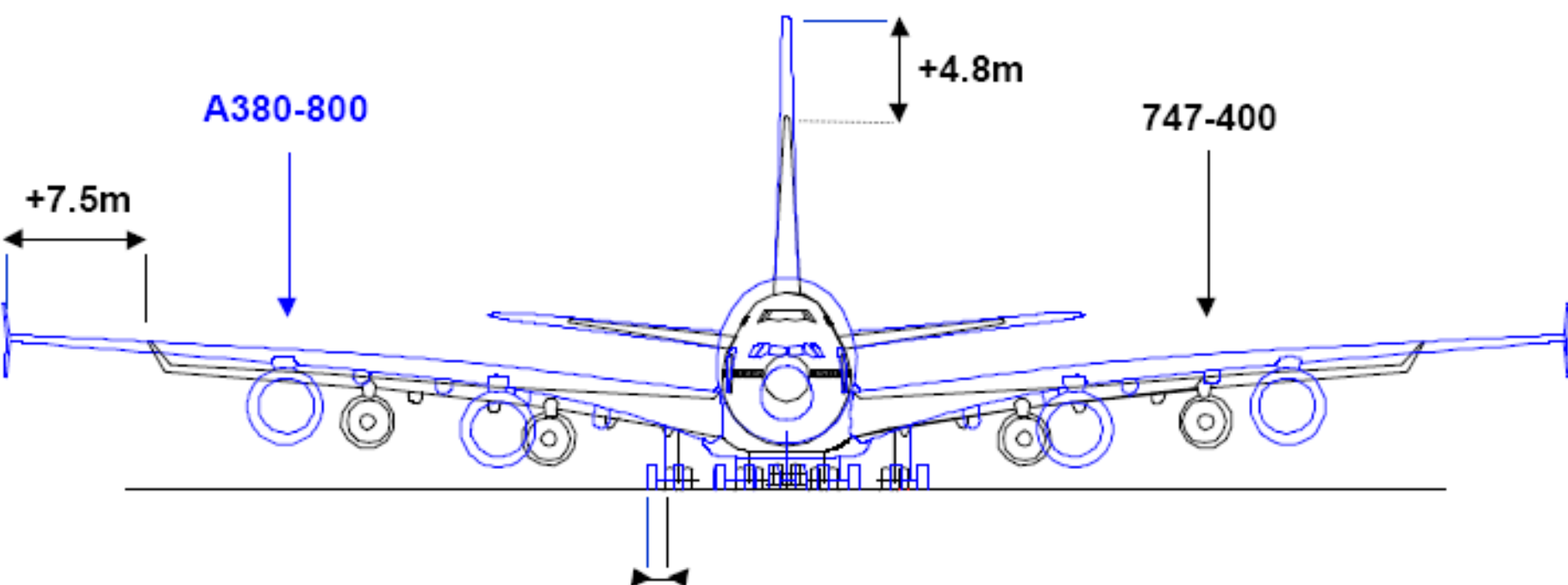












	A380-800	747-400
Length	72.7m (239ft)	70.7m (232ft)
Wingspan	79.6m (261ft)	64.5m (212ft)
Height	24.1m (79ft)	19.3m (63ft)



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### Hughes H-4 "Spruce Goose"

Length: 66.6 m

Span: 97.5 m

Height: 24.1 m

### Boeing 747-400

Length: 70.6 m

Span: 66.4 m

Height: 19.4 m

### Airbus A380-800

Length: 73.0 m

Span: 79.8 m

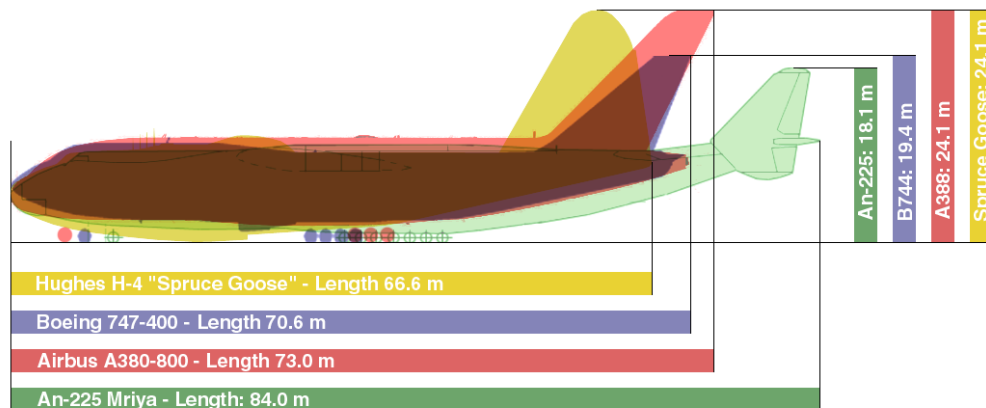
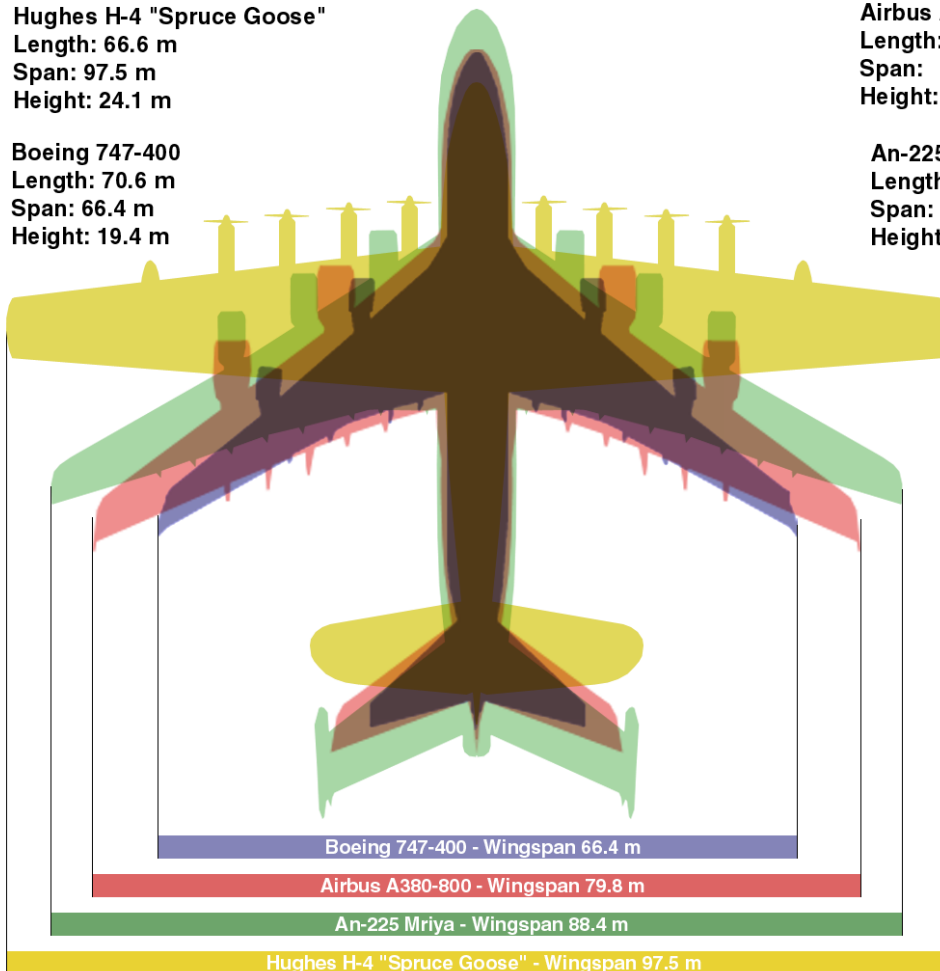
Height: 24.1 m

### An-225 Mriya

Length: 84.0 m

Span: 88.4 m

Height: 18.1 m







***A-380 Hits CRJ 700 at Kennedy Airport  
(April 12, 2011)***





June 19, 2011 Le Bourget Airport



On Large airplanes such as the B-747, 757, 767, 777, MD-10 and 11, and A-340 and 380 the pilot cannot see the airplane's wingtips from the cockpit

The NTSB has recommended the installation of wingtip cameras to prevent ground collisions







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# **Ramp Accidents and Incidents**

## *(IATA Estimates)*

*27,000 per year worldwide*

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*The cost is US\$10 billion per year*











# *Airport/Airstrip* *Airport/Airstrip* **Risks**





























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# *Ground Operations*

## *Ground Operations*

### **Risks**





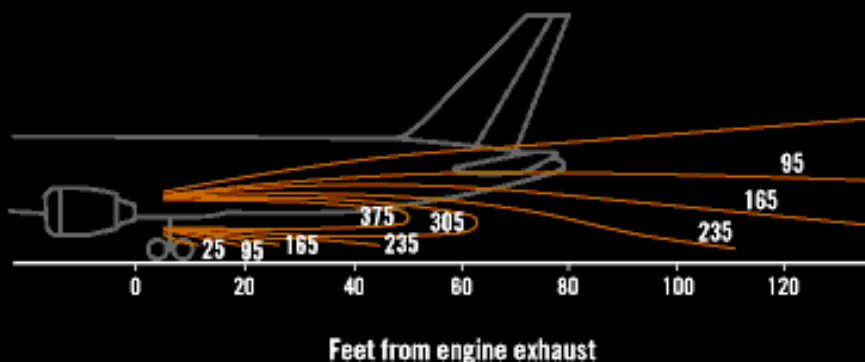






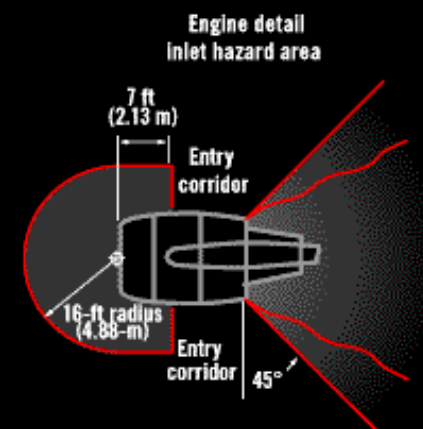
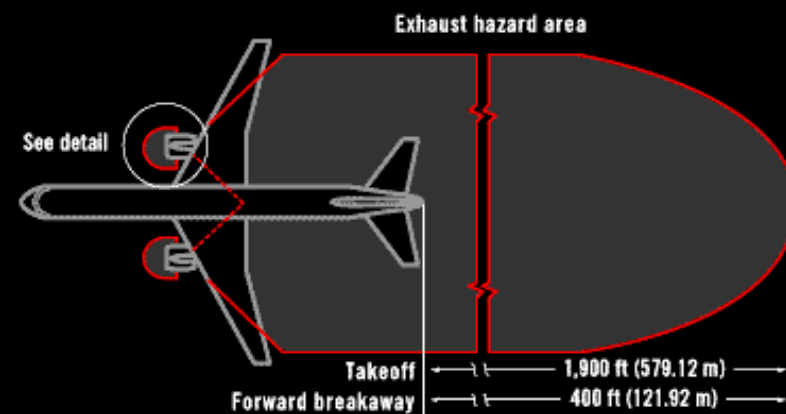


**FIGURE 1. MAXIMUM TAKEOFF THRUST ENGINE EXHAUST WAKE**



The jet wake streamlines represent velocities from 375 mi/h for the inside streamline to 25 mi/h for the outside streamline. Each successive streamline represents a velocity change of 70 mi/h.

**FIGURE 4. TAKEOFF THRUST POWER HAZARD AREAS**



**WARNING** If surface wind is reported greater than 25 kn, increase distance of inlet boundary by 20 percent.

If ramp surfaces are slippery, additional precautions such as cleaning the ramp will be necessary to provide personnel safety.

Ground personnel must stand clear of these hazard zones and maintain communication with flight-deck personnel during engine running.







LATEST INCIDENT: May 11, 2009 – JAL 747 in LAX ingested a luggage container





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# El Paso, Texas (January 2006)





# Congo (October 2005)









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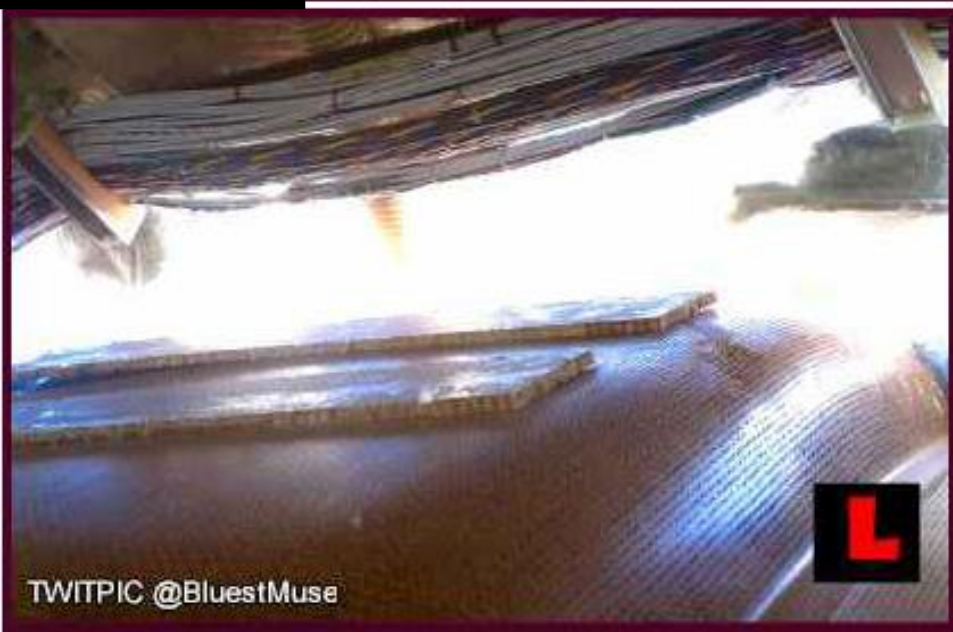




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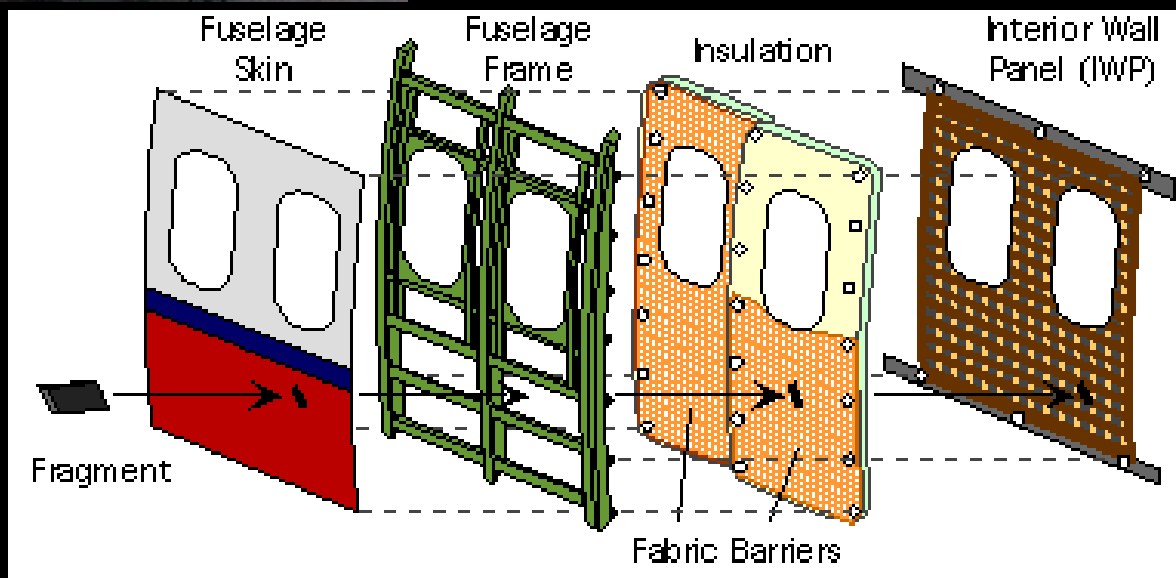


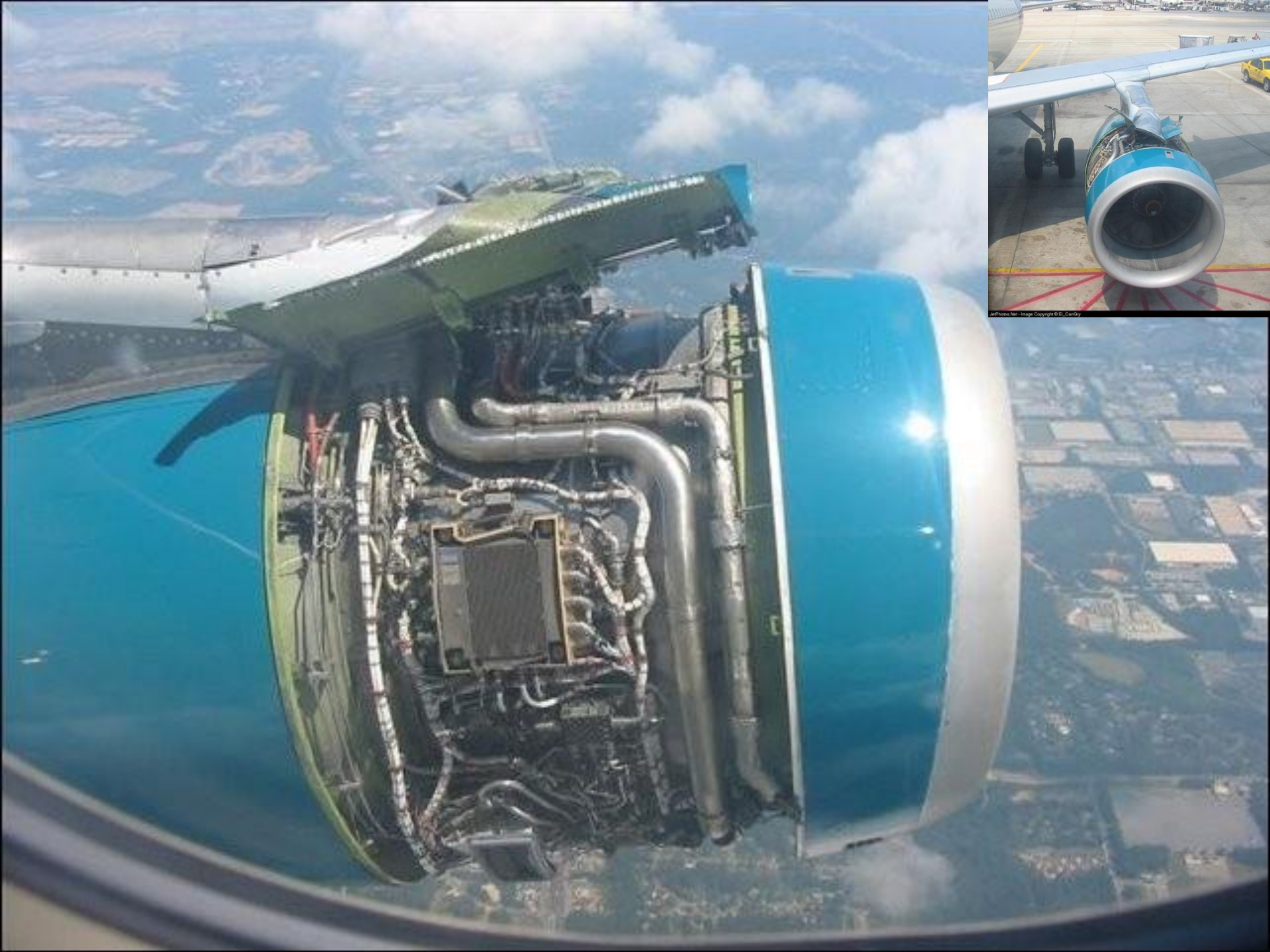
# *Maintenance-Related*

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# **Risks**







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Aloha Airlines B737-222

April 28, 1988

The NTSB determines that the probable cause of this accident was the failure of the Aloha Airlines maintenance program to detect the presence of significant disbonding and fatigue damage which ultimately led to failure of the lap joint at S-10L and the separation of the fuselage upper lobe.



**Ada-Boi Critical Care**  
**Boise, Idaho, USA**  
**July 2, 2007**

**Twin Engine Piper**  
**22,000 ft**  
**Window Failure**  
**Injured Flight Nurse**

## Causes of Pressurization Failure Events

Cause	Number	Percentage
Control problem	228	44.1%
Door problem	62	12.0%
System failure	42	8.1%
Outflow valve problem	28	5.4%
Operator error	16	3.1%
Window failure	14	2.7%
Maintenance error	11	2.1%
Air leak	2	0.4%
Seal problem	2	0.4%
Structural problem	2	0.4%
Engine failure	1	0.2%
Not specified	109	21.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Australian Transport Safety Bureau





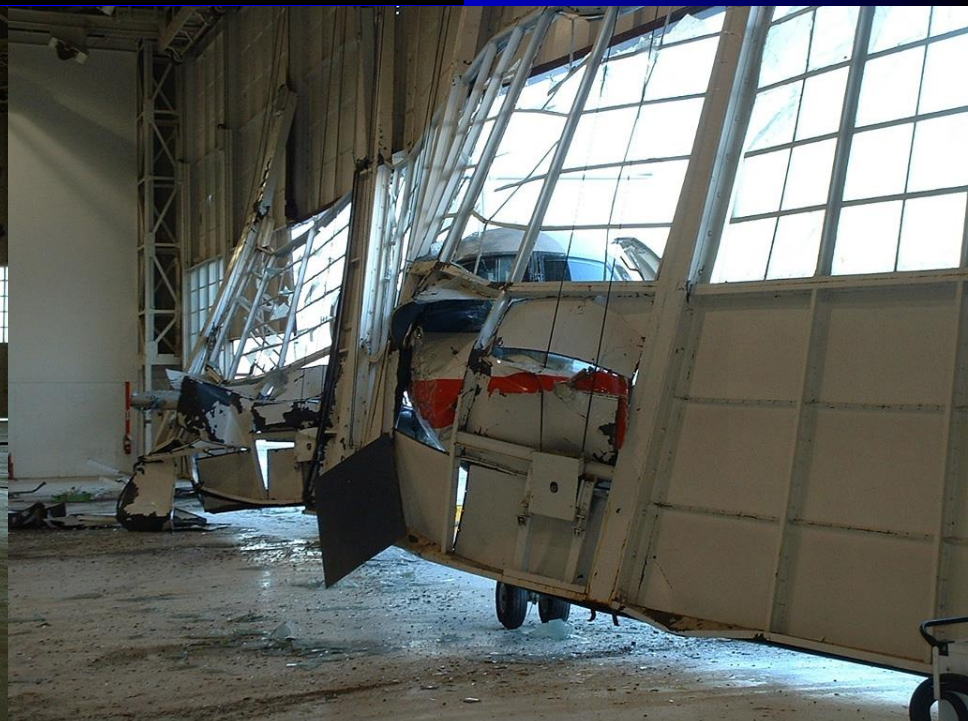




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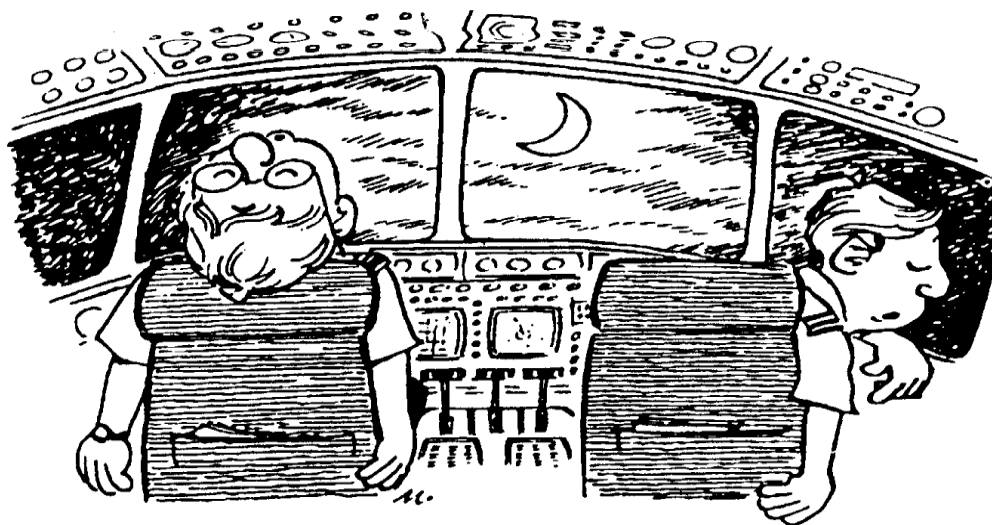
*The cost is US\$10 billion per year*

*Pilot Fatigue*

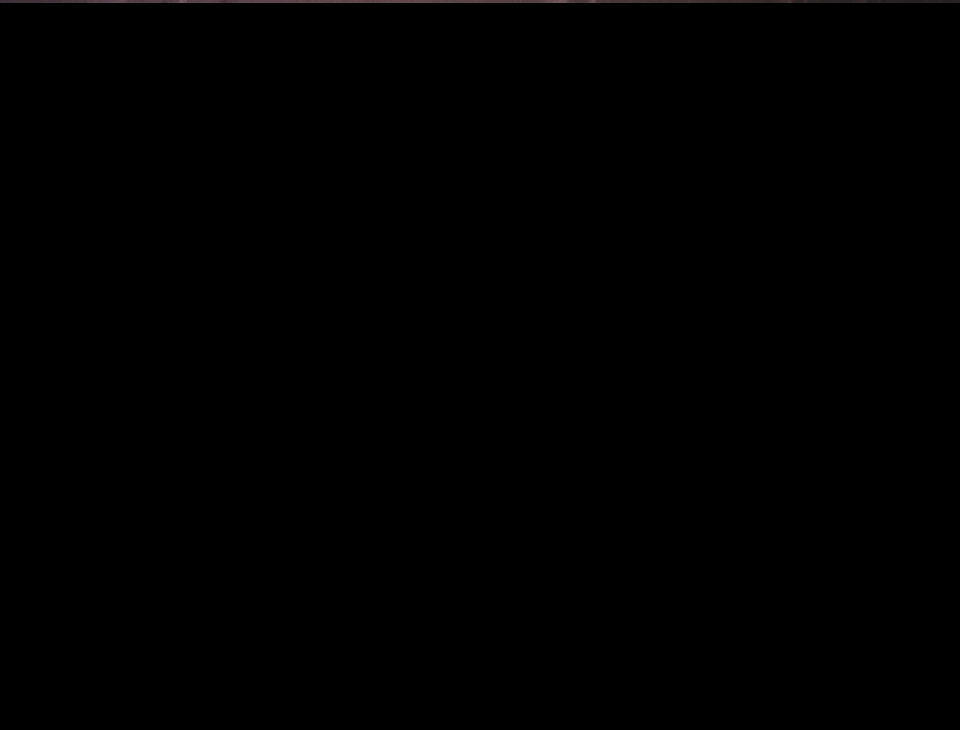
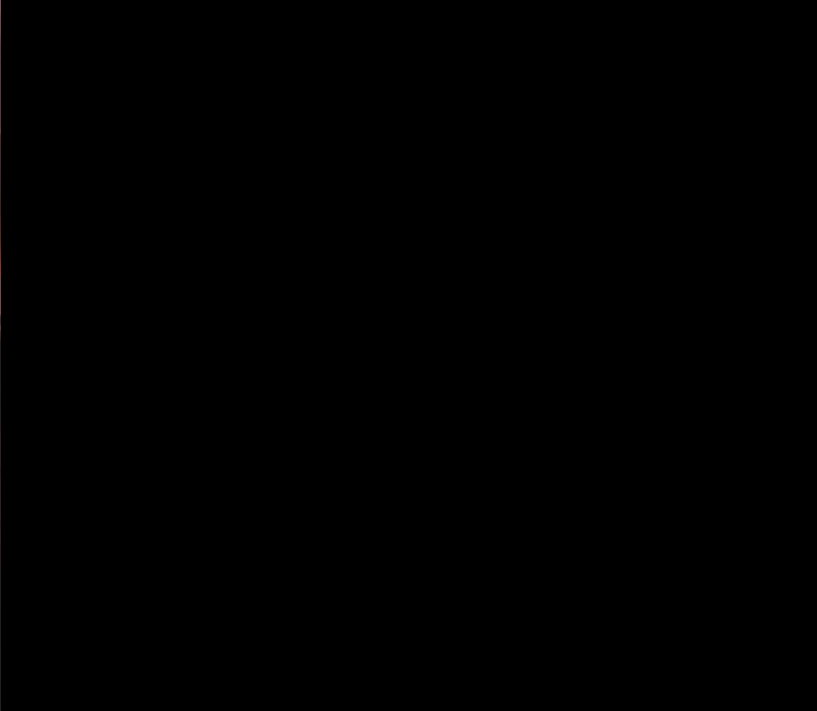
*Pilot Fatigue*

**Risks**





Constantly vigilant for any system malfunction  
the Captain scans the overhead panel as the co-pilot  
checks the window heat system with his forehead —  
at 03:00 pilots can't be too careful.....







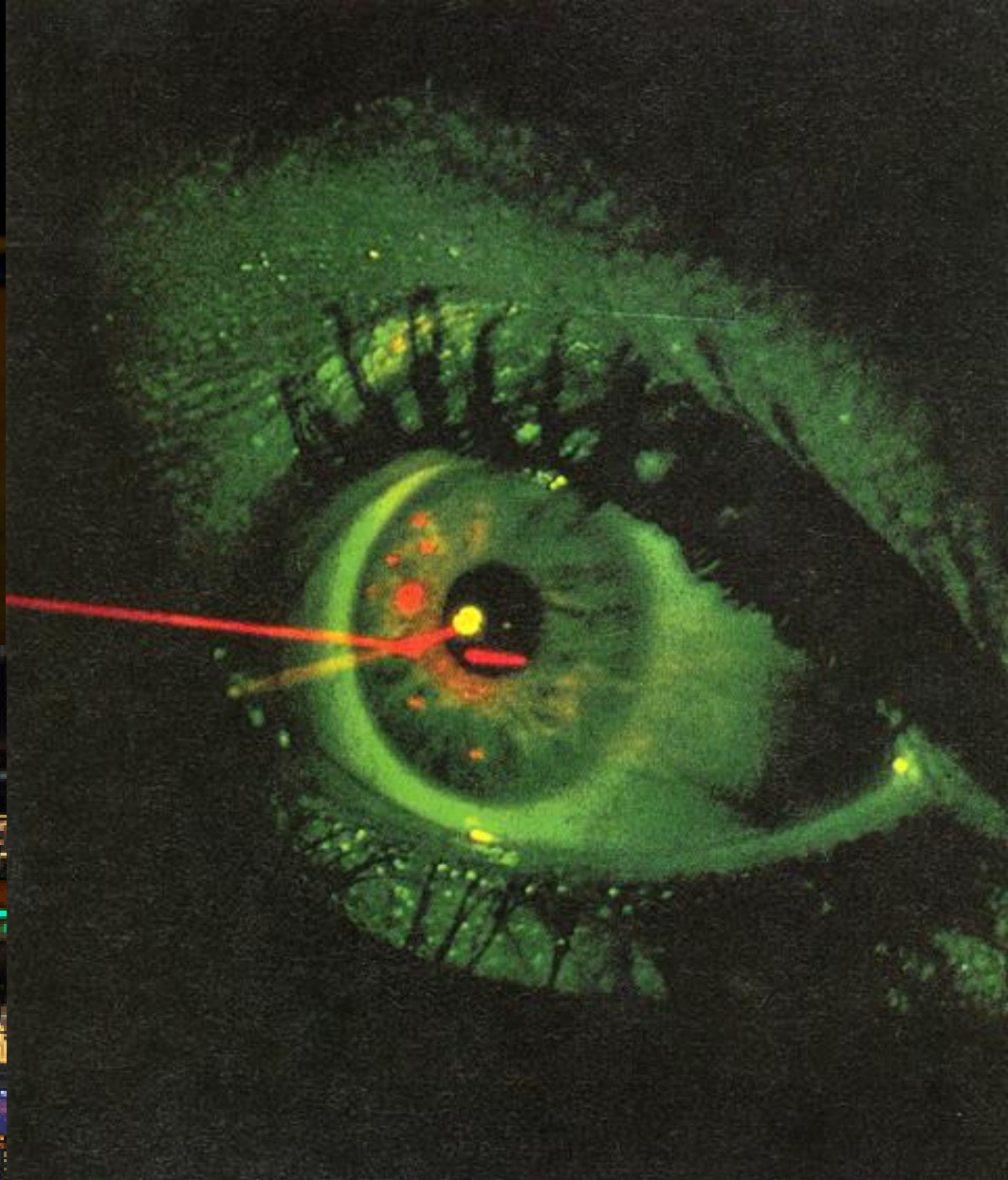




# *Laser Exposure*

## *Laser Exposure*

# **Risks**





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Increase in  
laser incidents



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2014 - 3894

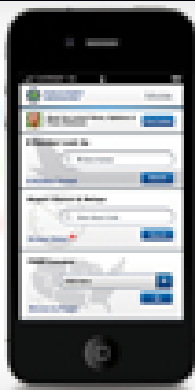


A 19 year old North Hollywood man was sentenced to 2.5 years in prison for aiming a LASER pointer at a commercial aircraft

Defense attorneys are seeking 2 years of probation and community service







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on your mobile device

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In cooperation with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, FAA needs everyone's help in reporting laser incidents

If you are the victim of a laser incident or you witness a laser incident, please report it to FAA

[www.faa.gov/aircraft/safety/report/laserinfo/](http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/safety/report/laserinfo/)

*Spatial Disorientation*

*Spatial Disorientation*  
**Risks**



# ***Your eyes can fool you***















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Safety and Survivability Issues in Civil Aviation





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This red and grey paint scheme was documented from an old plastic model kit. This model was built and painted by Jerry Caudle.







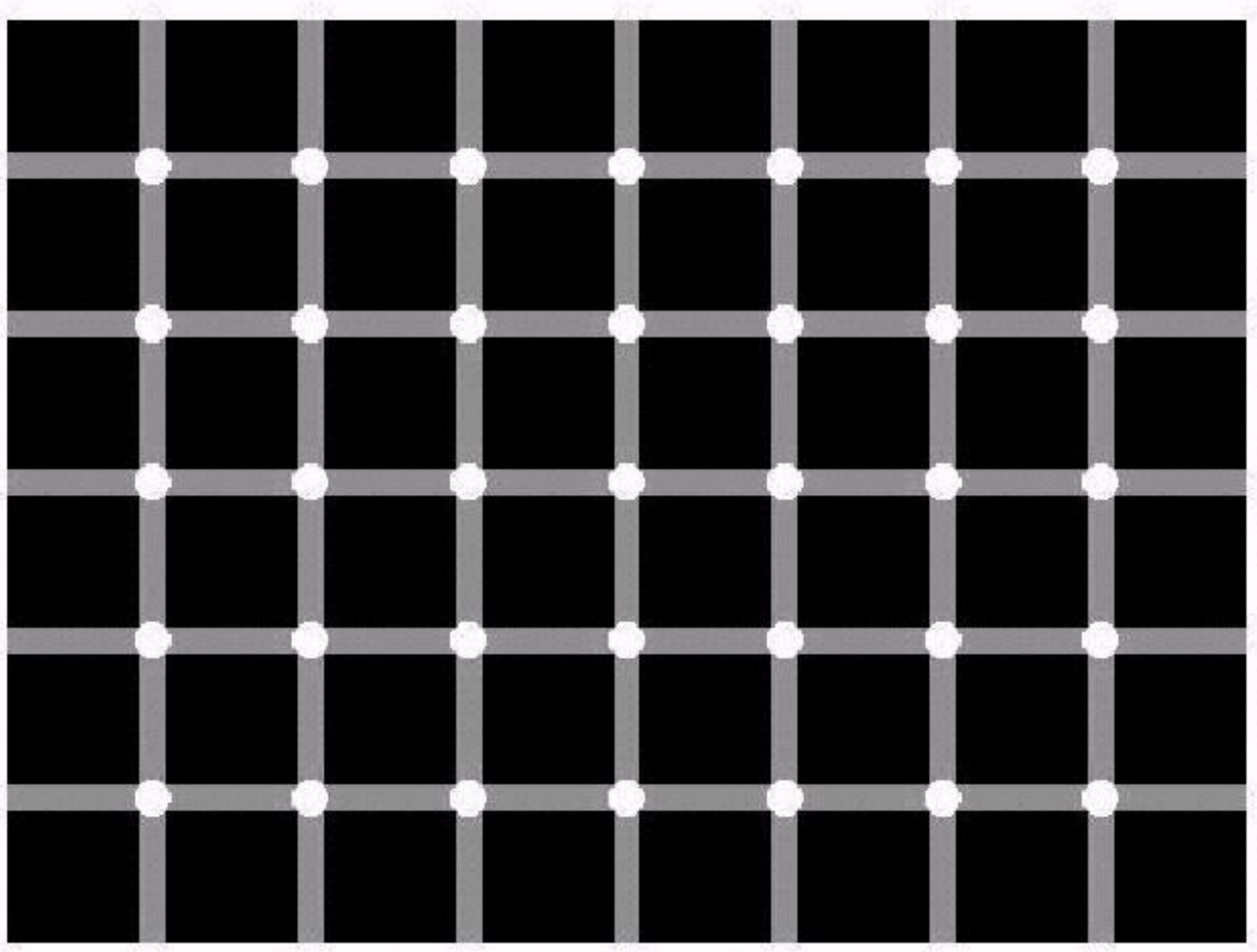






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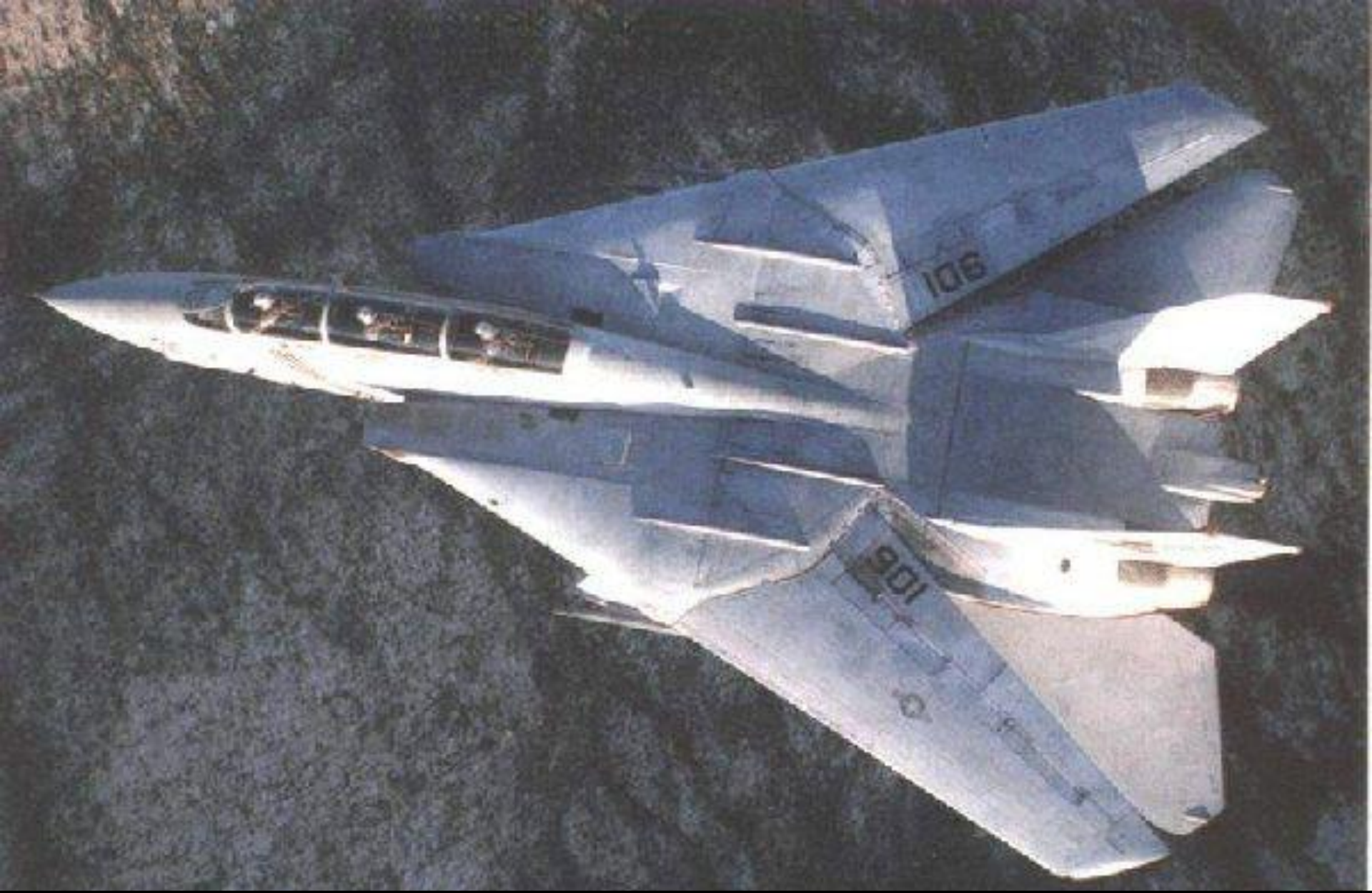








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# The graveyard spiral

A loss of instruments and spatial disorientation may have been critical factors that caused a plane carrying 10 men associated with the Oklahoma State University basketball program to crash on Jan. 27, 2001. Investigators think the last 96 seconds of the flight amounted to a "graveyard spiral."



1. At about 5:35 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, the plane was traveling southeast at 23,200 feet.
2. At 5:36 p.m., the plane was banking to the right and began diving slightly at more than 200 mph.



3. Thirty seconds later, the plane was circling north, dropping 6,000 feet. Its dive and bank were getting steeper and speeds exceeded 250 mph.
4. By 5:37, the plane was nose-down at an 80-degree angle and banking sharply south with speeds exceeding 350 mph.
5. The pilot begins to pull out of the dive as the plane nears the ground, but stress on the tail and right wing causes an in-flight break-up and crash, killing everyone aboard.







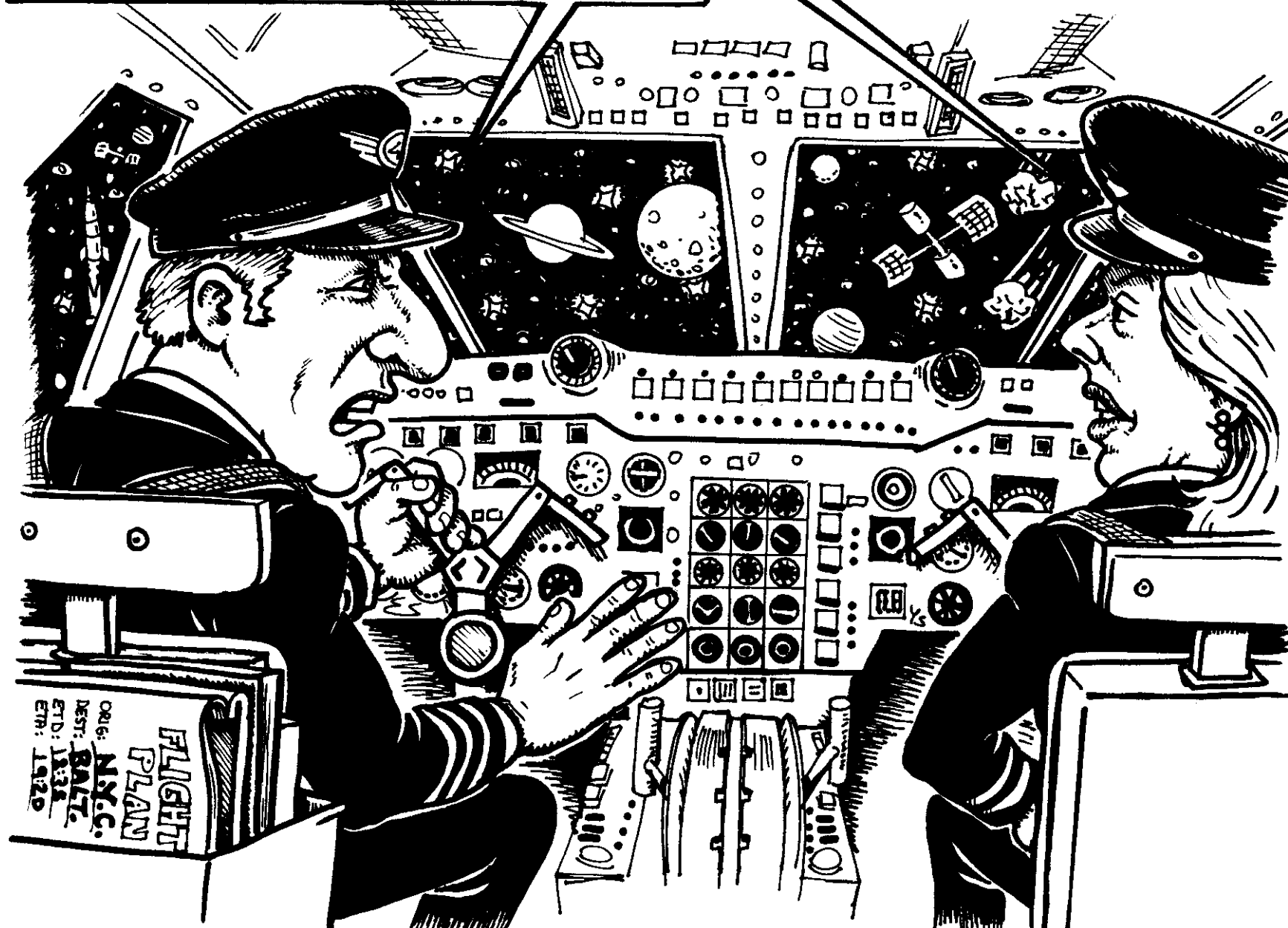




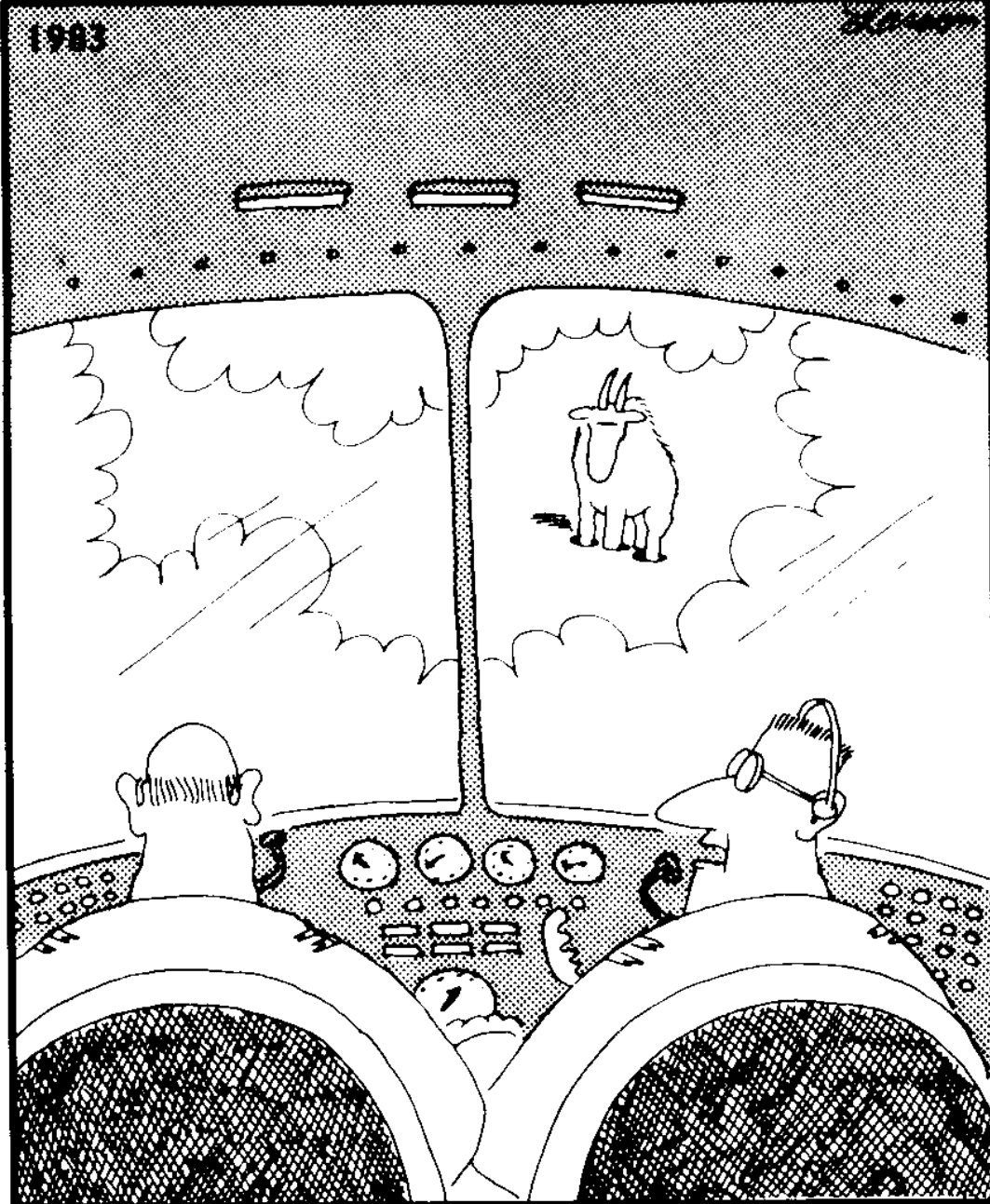


WILL YOU **PLEASE** JUST STOP AND ASK DIRECTIONS!

FOR THE LAST TIME—I AM **NOT LOST!**



1983



“Say ... what’s a mountain goat doing way up here in a cloud bank?”













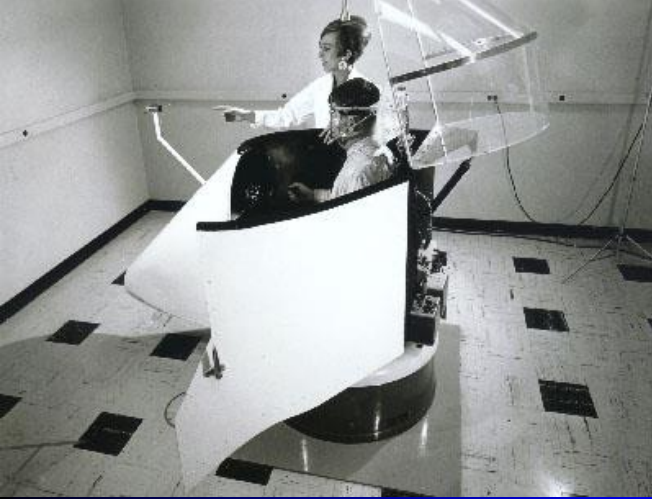




***Spatial Disorientation Training***







# ***Advanced Spatial Disorientation Training***

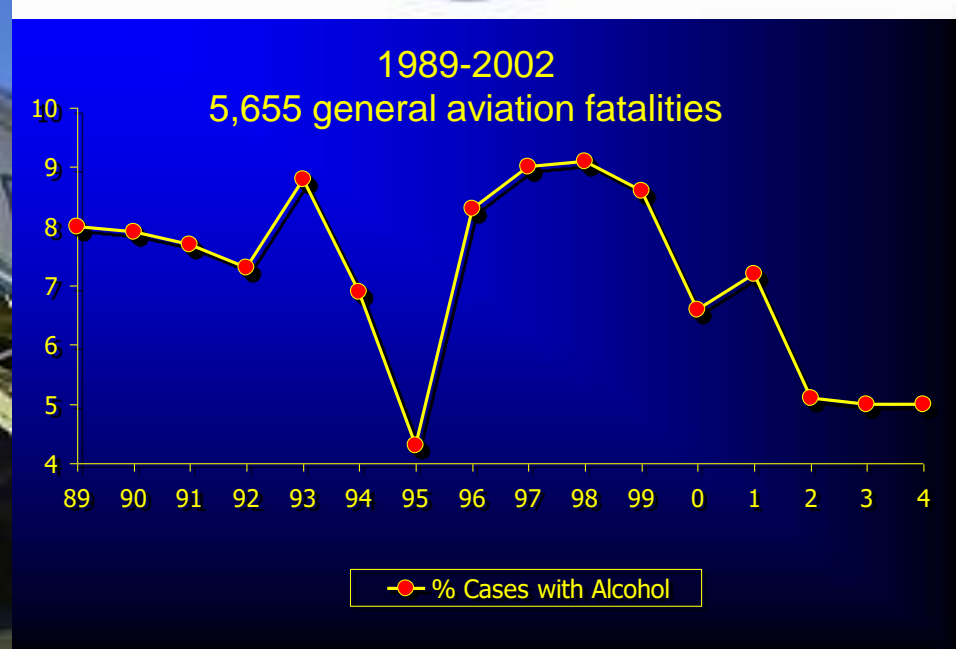














# Alcohol Consumption Impairs Judgment



# *Inflight Collision*

## *Inflight Collision*

# **Risks**





# Vertical Separation Minima or Minimum (RVSM)

The standard vertical separation required between aircraft flying at levels between FL290 (29K ft) and FL410 (41K ft) was reduced from 2,000 feet to 1,000 feet in 2005



***B-727***  
***VS***  
***Cessna 172***



***DC-9***  
***VS***  
***Piper***

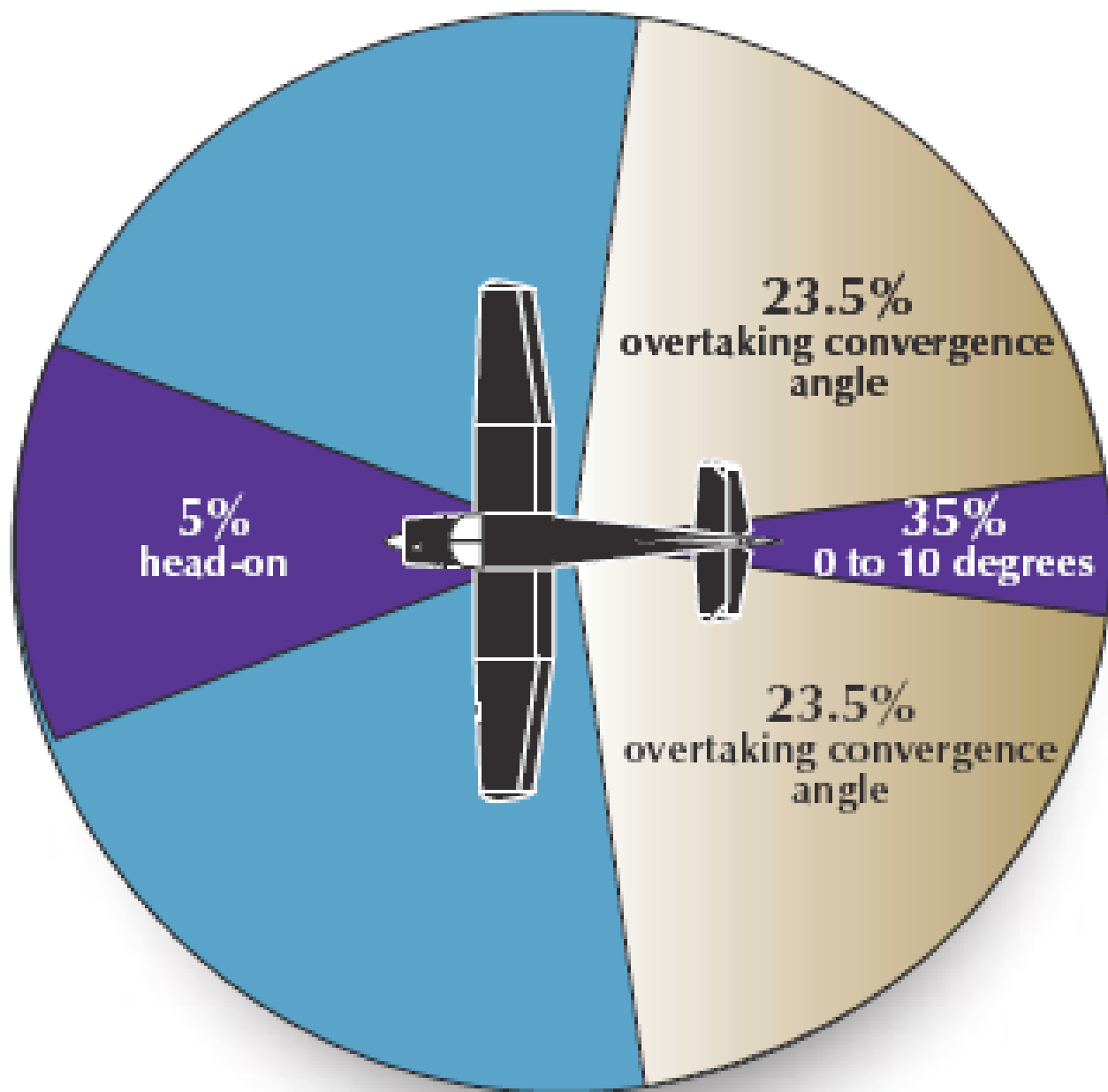


Figure 2. Note: Percentages are based on a study of 105 MACs. Some of the angles were unreported.



# New FAA Midair Incident Reporting Standards Implemented

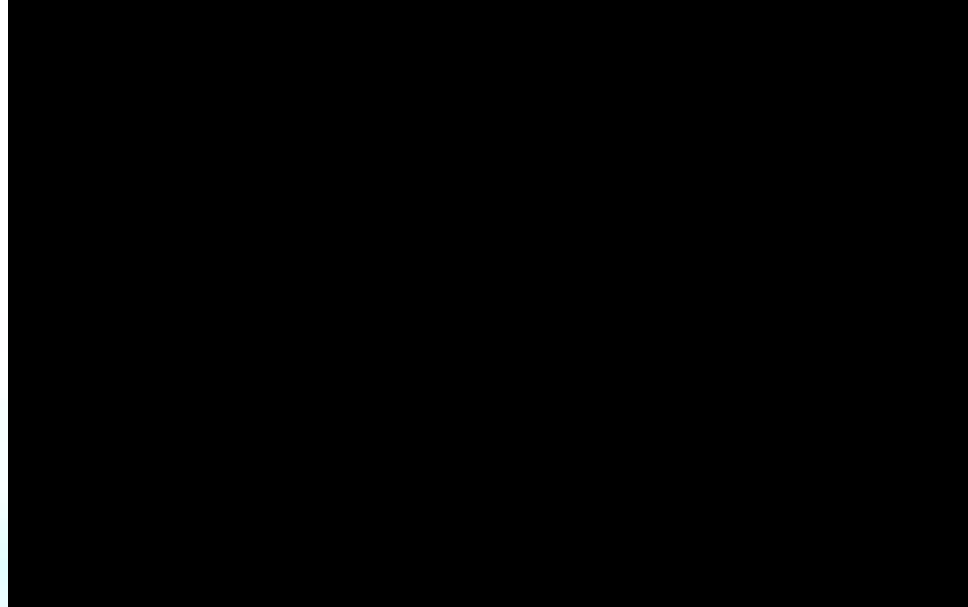
*Minimum horizontal separation during flight changed from 5 miles to 4.5 miles*

*Aircraft flying at the same altitude must maintain a 4.5 mile separation*



























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# Wake Turbulence







# Radar Separation Minima During Approach and Departure

Preceding aircraft	Succeeding aircraft	Wake turbulence radar separation minima
A380-800/ non-A380-800 HEAVY	A380-800	Not required*
A380-800	Non-A380-800 HEAVY	11.1 km (6.0 NM)
A380-800	MEDIUM	13 km (7.0 NM)
A380-800	LIGHT	14.8 km (8.0 NM)

# Horizontal and Vertical Spacing En-route





# Piper 18 Flipped by Air Force 2

















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# Geographic Disorientation



A Boeing 747 “Dreamlifter” takes off 11/21/2013, the day after it mistakenly landed at Col. James Jabara Airport in Wichita, Kansas, about 8 miles (13 kilometers) north of its intended destination, the McConnell Air Force Base



A Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 with 129 people on board bound for Branson, Mo., mistakenly landed at M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport several miles from its destination

The pilot and 1<sup>st</sup> officer were removed from flying duties



# Geographic Disorientation: Approaching and Landing at the Wrong Airport

Antunano MJ, Mohler SR, Gosbee JW.

Aviation Space Environmental Medicine Journal

1989, Volume 60, Number 10

Between 1982 and 1987

- 75 Air Carrier Cases
- 16 General Aviation Cases

Types of Occurrences

- Becoming lost during flight
- Intruding inadvertently into unauthorized air space
- Selecting a wrong airway
- Landing on the wrong runway
- Approaching the wrong airport

TABLE VII. AIRPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MISIDENTIFIED  
BY AIR CARRIER PILOTS, JANUARY 1982 TO  
DECEMBER 1987.

Intended Airport	Wrong Airport		
Albany County, NY	Schenectady, NY	Memphis International, TN	Olive Branch Municipal, MS
Allen C. Thompson, Jackson, MS	Hawkins, Jackson, MS	Miami International, FL	Ft. Lauderdale International, FL
Allen C. Thompson, Jackson, MS	Campbell County, TN*	Miami International, FL	Opa Locka, Miami, FL
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA	Queen City, PA	Mid-Continent, Wichita, KS	McConnel Air Force Base, KS
Bradley Airport, MA	Westover Air Force Base, MA	Muskegon County, Chicago, MI	Grand Haven Mem. Airpark, MI
Blue Grass, Lexington, KY	Frankfort Capital City, KY	Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, SC	North Myrtle Beach, SC
Buffalo International, NY	Niagara Falls International, NY	Nashville Metropolitan, TN	Smyrna Airport, TN*****
Bush Field, Augusta, GA	Daniel Field, Augusta, GA	Newark International, NJ	Linden Airport, NJ***
Cedar Rapids Municipal, IA	Iowa City Municipal, IA	Oakland International, CA	Alameda Naval Air Station, CA
Columbus International, OH	Don Scott Airport, OH	Ontario International, CA	Los Angeles International, CA
Columbus Rickenbacker AFB, OH	Bolton Field, Columbus, OH	Port-Au-Prince, Haiti	Bowen Field (Military), Haiti
Columbia Regional, MO	Fulton Municipal, MO	Providence, Green State, RI	Quonset State, RI
Corpus Christi Intl., TX	Cabaniss Navy Field, TX	Rapid City Regional, SD	Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD
Dayton Cox International, OH	Wright Patterson AFB, OH	Redmond Roberts Field, OR	Prineville, OR
Deadhorse, AK	Prudhoe Bay, AK	San Diego Intl. Lindbergh, CA	North Island, NAS, CA
El Paso International, TX	Biggs Army Air Field, TX	San Juan Intl., Puerto Rico	Isla Grande, Puerto Rico*
Farmington Municipal, NM	Aztec Municipal, NM*	Santa Ana, Orange County, CA	El Toro (Marine), Los Angeles, CA
Greenville Spartanburg, SC	Greenville Downtown, SC	Savannah Municipal, GA	Hunter Army Air Field, GA
Hobby Airport, Houston, TX	Ellington Air Force Base, TX*	Seattle-Tacoma International, WA	Boeing Field Seattle Intl., WA
Huntsville-Madison, AL	Redstone Army Air Field, AL	Sheridan County, WY	Buffalo Municipal, WY
Indianapolis International, IN	Eagle Creek, Indianapolis, IN	Standiford Field, Louisville, KY	Bowman Field, KY
Kearney Municipal, NE	Hall County, Grand Island, NE	Stewart Airport, Newburgh, NY	Dutchess County, NY*
Killeen Municipal, Austin, TX	Gray Army Air Field, TX	Southwest Florida Regional, FL	Page Field, Ft. Myers, FL****
Los Angeles International, CA	Hawthorne Municipal, CA	Tampa International, FL	McDill Air Force Base, FL
Las Americas, FO	San Isidro Air Base, FO*****	Will Rogers, Oklahoma City, OK	Wiley Post, Oklahoma City, OK
McChord, Seattle, WA	Gray Army Air Field, Seattle, WA		

\* Indicates those airports that have been misidentified more than once. The number of asterisks indicates the number of incidents reported in those locations.



# *Geological Risks*





- In the last 20 years +80 commercial planes
- Abrasion damages forward-facing surfaces
- 1,500 known volcanoes (600 active)
- ~ 15 major explosive eruptions per year
- Ash can reach 30-40K ft altitudes
- Ash can circle the earth within weeks





## **Consequences of Airborne Ash from Volcanic Eruption in Iceland**

- Most of Northern Europe airspace was closed and had a global impact
- Airlines lost an average of 200 million Euros per day
- More than 7 million passengers were affected
- Airbus tested an A380 and A340-600 flying through the ash cloud (40 other test flights across Europe)
- The scale of the crisis was greater than September 11

# Are Volcanic Eruptions Increasing?

Using the Smithsonian Volcano Research database the trends point to increased volcanism in the next 30 years:

2035 between 70 and 97 volcano eruptions

2030 between 68 and 92 volcano eruptions

2025 between 67 and 88 volcano eruptions

2020 between 66 and 84 volcano eruptions

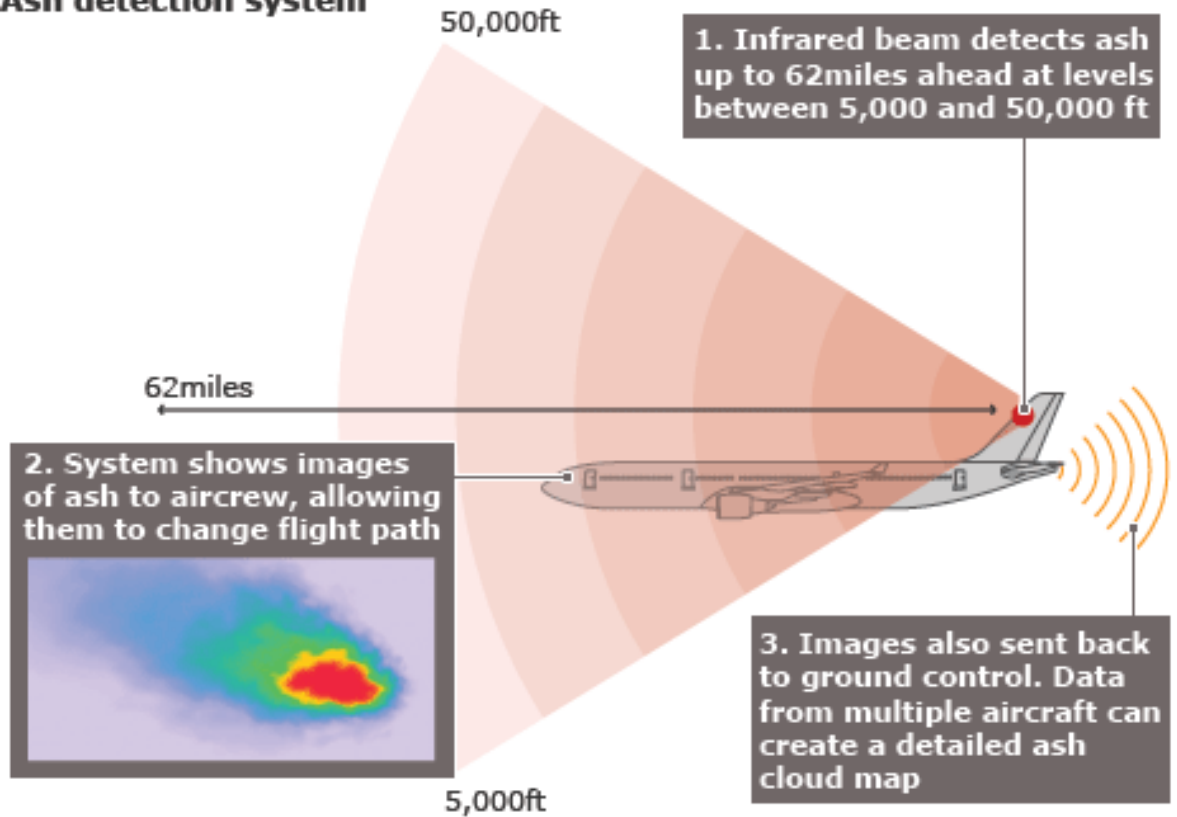
2015 between 64 and 78 volcano eruptions

2010 between 63 and 74 volcano eruptions





### Ash detection system



Not to scale

Source: EasyJet

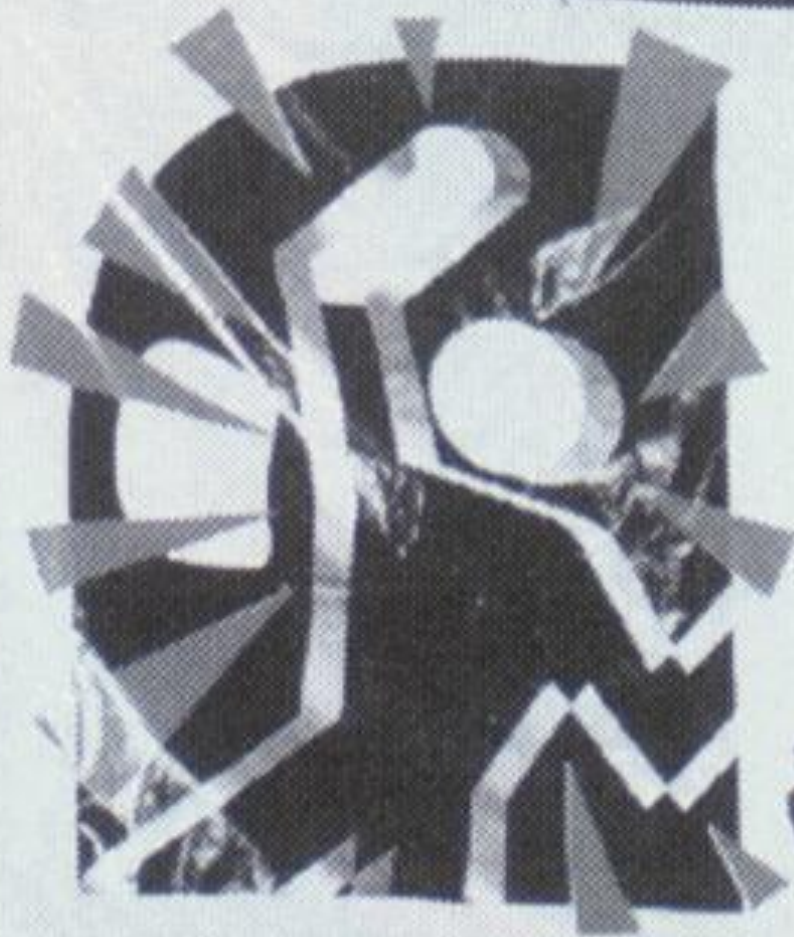


EasyJet is looking to equip some of its aircraft with the AVOID volcanic ash detection system by the end of 2014



# *Security-Related* *Security-Related* **Risks**





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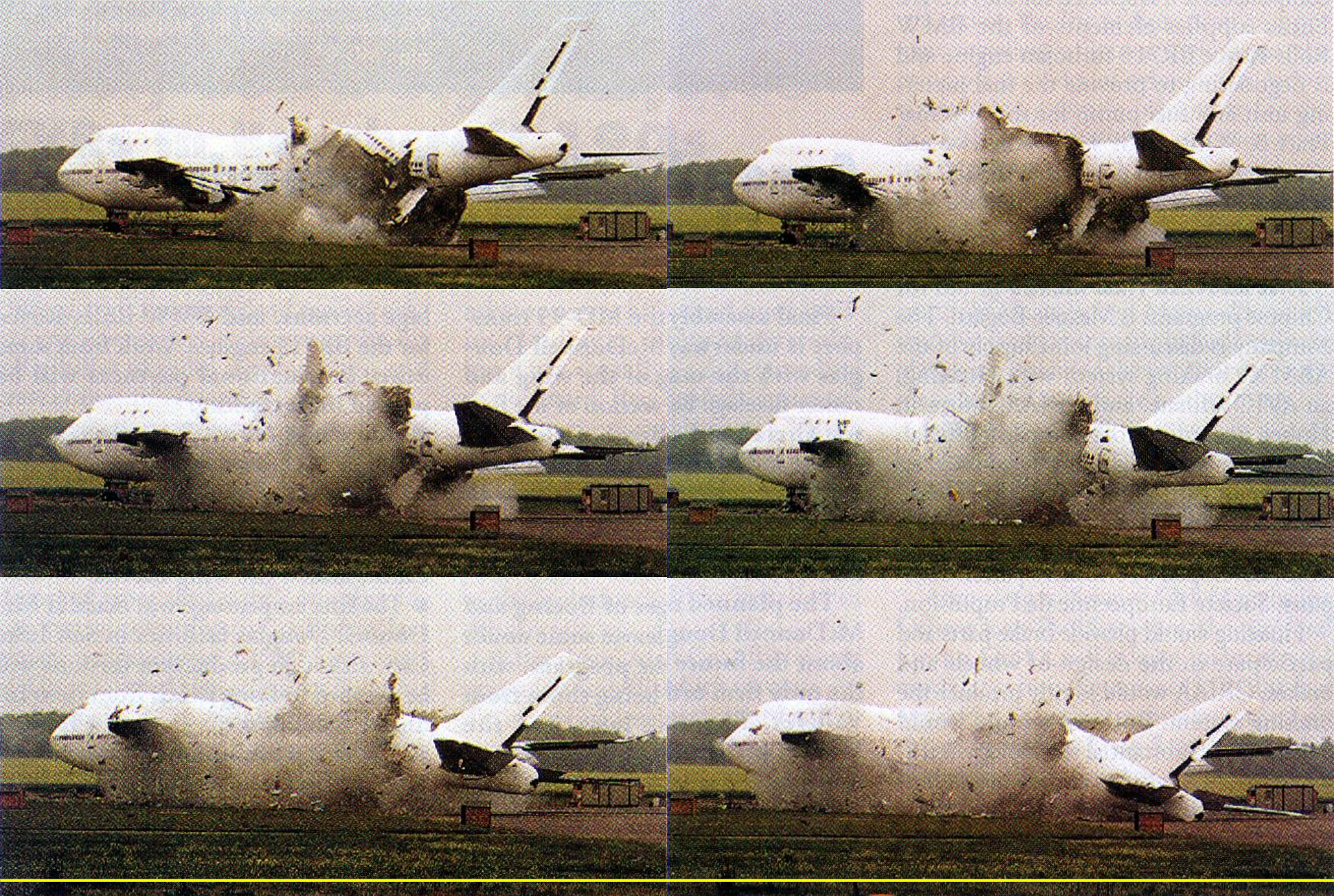


# USA Cases

Year	Total
1995	146
1996	184
1997	235
1998	200
1999	226
2000	227
2001	300
2002	306
2003	302
2004	330
2005	226
2006	156
2007	176
2008	134
2009	176
2010	149
2011	140
2012	129
2013	41 as of June 30, 2013

- ✈ *No person may assault, threaten, intimidate, or interfere with a crewmember performing duties aboard an aircraft"*
- ✈ *FAA can propose up to \$25K per violation*
- ✈ *One incident may result in multiple violations*





Safety and Survivability Issues in Civil Aviation



Federal Aviation  
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**Secret FAA Airworthiness Directive is Issued in March 2011  
to Disable Chemical Oxygen Generators in Aircraft  
Lavatories – Directive is Reversed in June 2012**





...AND IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, SWIPE YOUR CREDIT CARD AND FOR A \$10 FEE AN OXYGEN MASK WILL DROP.





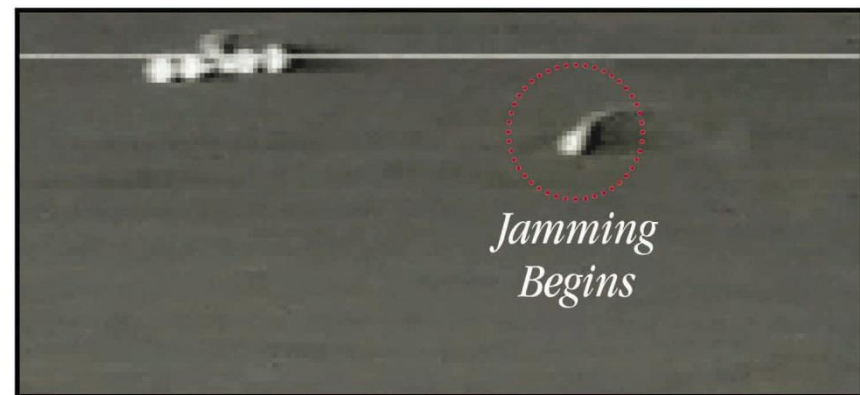
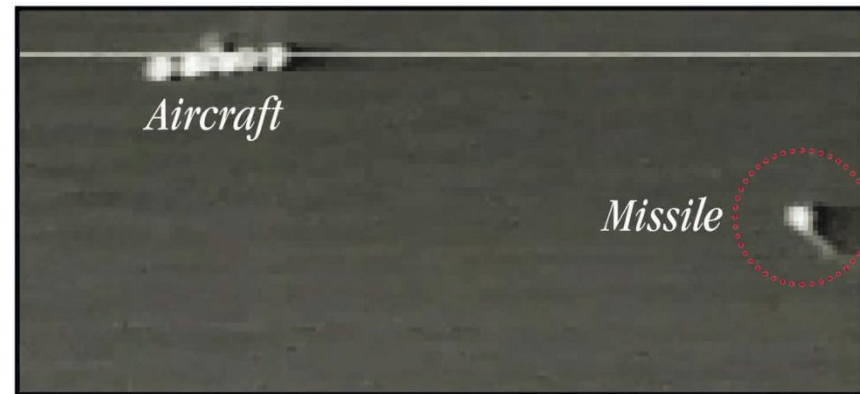


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