A data-powered strategy to select the safest aircraft for operational success and investor confidence.

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Problem Statement And Objectives :

To identify which aircraft make and model have the lowest historical accident rates, fewer fatal incidents, and lower safety risks.

Goal and Objectives :

➢ To identify the safest aircraft manufacturers and models using real accident data.

Objectives:
➢ Know which brands have a bad safety record
➢ Find reliable aircraft models for commercial use
➢ Make decisions based on evidence, not brand popularity

Business Context & Dataset

Importance of Safe Aircraft Investments

Investing in aircraft with proven safety records significantly lowers financial risk, ensuring better returns while prioritizing human lives and well-being.

NTSB Accident Data Overview

The dataset, covering 1962-2023, reveals crucial patterns and statistics about aviation accidents, enhancing informed decision-making for investors.

Data Analysis Process and Methodology Overview

Data Cleaning and Standardization

➢ Removed records with excessive missing values, standardized aircraft names, and corrected formatting issues to ensure accurate grouping and analysis.

Severity Scoring System

➢ Created a custom severity score for each incident using weighted values for fatalities, serious, and minor injuries. This provided a clearer picture of accident impact.

Weighted formula:

Fatal × 3, Serious × 2, Minor × 1

Used to measure how severe each accident was.

Combined Risk Score Calculation

➢ Calculated a combined risk score for each aircraft make by multiplying accident frequency by average severity. This allowed us to rank aircraft based on both how often and how badly they were involved in incidents.

**Focused Analysis Areas**

Grouped insights into three focus areas:
1. Make and Model Overview
2. Injury and Damage Patterns
3. Safer Aircraft Identification based on consistent survival outcomes.

Visualized insights in Tableau

➢ Developed interactive dashboards to compare aircraft safety performance and support business decision-making with clear, data-driven visuals.

Key Findings – Riskiest Manufacturers

Top 10 Riskiest Aircraft Manufacturers
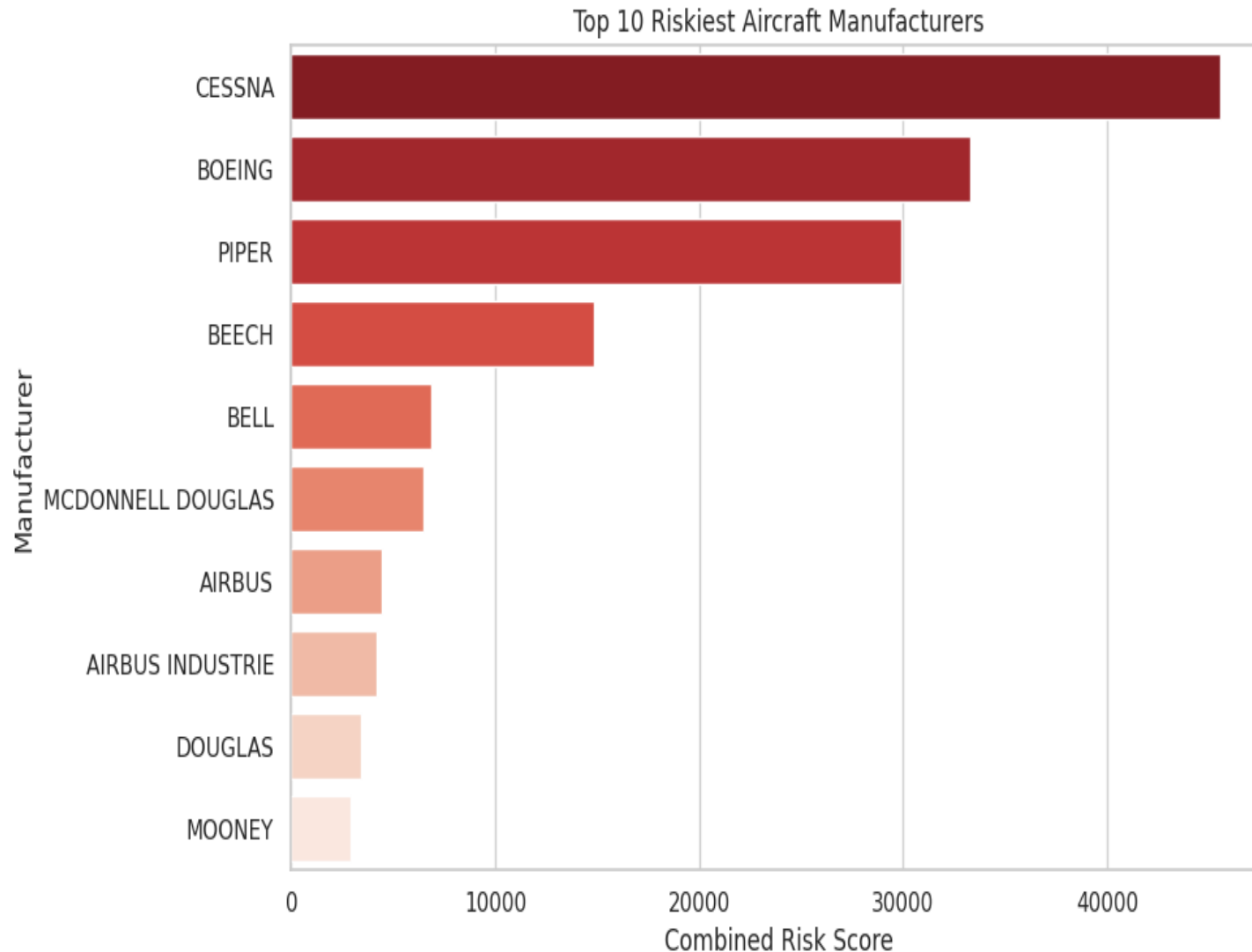
➢ **CESSNA**, **BOEING**, and **PIPER** rank as the top three riskiest aircraft manufacturers, based on their high number of incidents combined with severe outcomes.

➢ These brands contribute the highest **combined risk scores**, meaning they appear frequently in accidents **and** are often involved in serious or fatal ones.

➢ This finding helps us narrow down which manufacturers pose higher long-term operational risks — and which to avoid during fleet selection.

Key Findings – Safest Manufacturers

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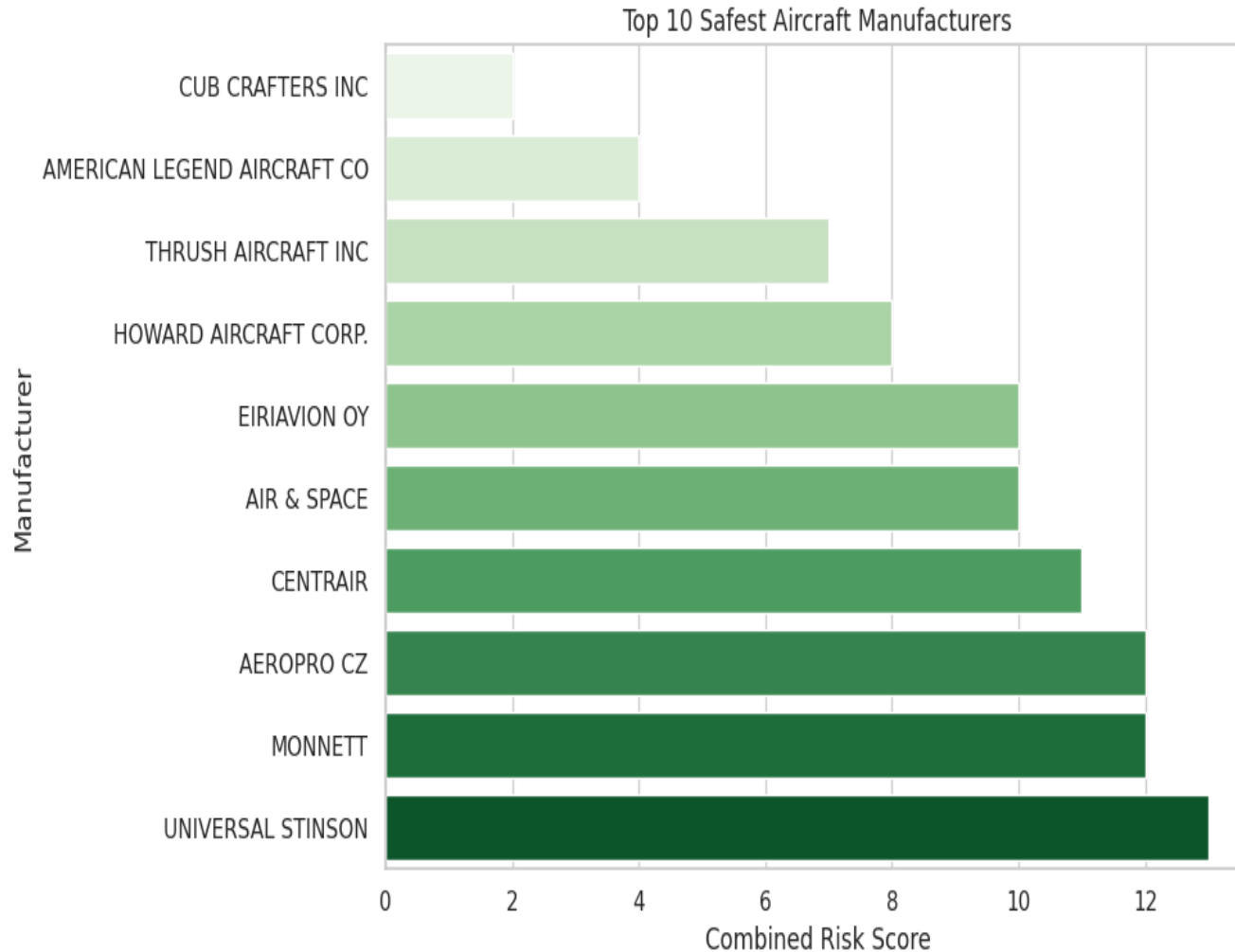
➢ **UNIVERSAL STINSON**, **MONNETT**, and **AEROPRO CZ** are the top three safest aircraft manufacturers in this analysis, with the lowest combined risk scores.
➢ These manufacturers consistently showed:
  ▪ Low accident counts
  ▪ Minimal injury severity
  ▪ Higher survivability rates in reported incidents
➢ Their safety records suggest they could be strong candidates for safe, stable, and low-risk fleet investments.

Accident Trends and Model-Level Safety Insights
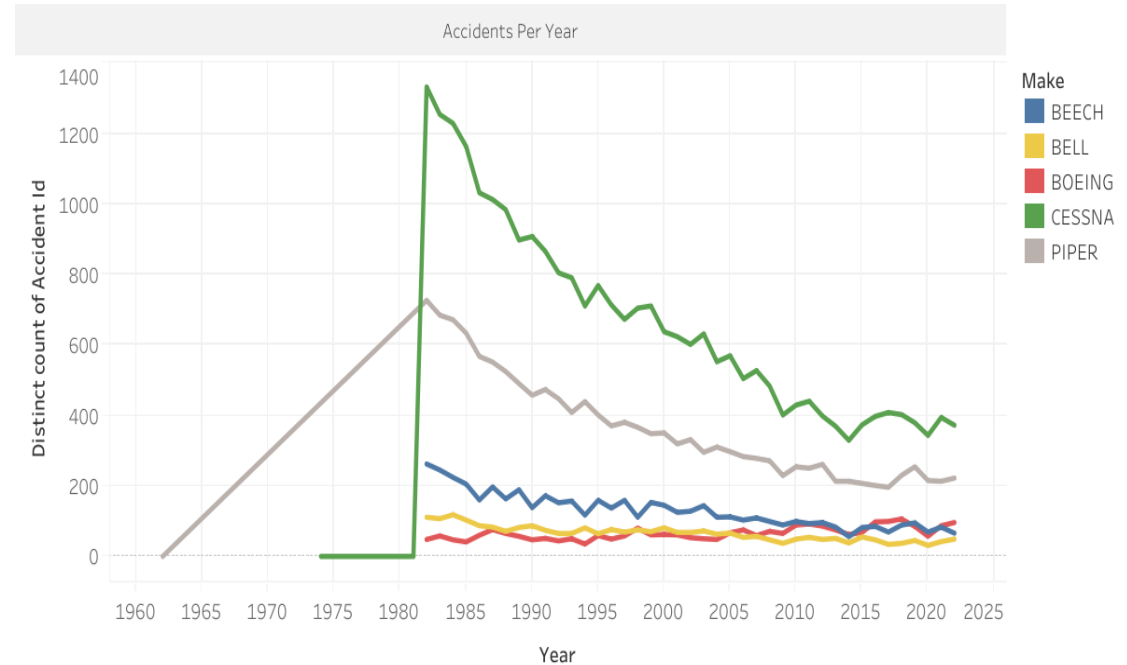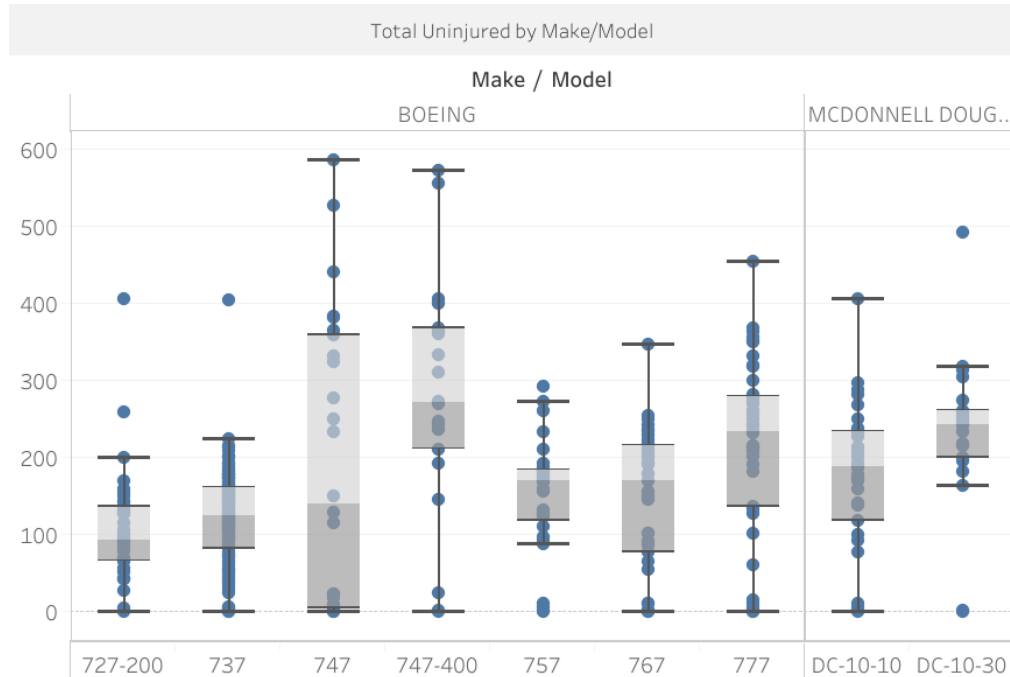
- ➢ **Model-level safety varies greatly** — some aircraft, like the Boeing 747 and DC-10-30, consistently show higher numbers of uninjured passengers across incidents.
- ➢ **Not all aircraft within a manufacturer are equal** — this boxplot helps identify which specific models offer better survival outcomes.
- ➢ **Long-term accident trends** show that CESSNA and PIPER have had consistently higher incident rates over time, while BOEING, BEECH, and BELL remained more stable.
- ➢ These insights support our recommendation to evaluate both **brands** and **individual aircraft models** before purchase.

Aviation Risk Dashboard Summary (1962–2023)
Identifying the Safest Aircraft for Commercial Operations

Aviation Risk Dashboard (1962–2023) Identifying the safest aircraft for commercial opera..

Broad Phase Of Flight
- Approach
- Climb
- Cruise
- Descent
- Go-around
- Landing
- Maneuvering
- Other
- Standing
- Takeoff
- Taxi
- Unknown

Total Uninjured by Make/Model

Proportion of Fatalities by Phase of Flight

Top 10 Safest Manufacturers

Accid..	Make
226.0	GRUMM..
89.0	AEROST..
73.0	MBB
39.0	FAIRCHIL..
43.0	CONVAIR
90.0	BRITISH ..
94.0	WEATHE..
147.0	BALLOO..
47.0	AEROTEK
63.0	CAMERON

Combined Risk Score (Lower = Safer)

Top 10 Riskiest Manufacturers

Make: CESSNA, BOEING, PIPER, BEECH, BELL, AIRBUS, MOONEY

Sum of combined_risk_score

➤ Models like the Boeing 737 and DC-10-30 show strong survival outcomes (high number of uninjured).Cruise and approach phases are where most fatalities occur — key focus areas for pilot training and safety systems.The safest manufacturers include GRUMMAN, AEROSTAR, and CAMERON.Highest-risk brands — CESSNA, BOEING, and PIPER — show both frequent and severe accident history.

Recommendations & Future

What the Data Tells Us	
Area	**Conclusion**
Aircraft to Prioritize	**Boeing 737** and **Cessna 206B** are reliable options for acquisition
Aircraft to Avoid	**CESSNA 172/152**, **PIPER** show high incident risk — use with cautio
Model vs. Make	Model-level safety varies widely — brand alone is not enough
Flight Phase Risks	**Cruise and approach** phases are deadliest — focus on safety training
Safety Score Usage	**Combined Risk Score** is a useful metric for future aircraft screening

➢ We now have a data-backed foundation for safer decisions in aviation investment.
Let's apply these findings directly into procurement and safety planning.

Thank You!

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