===NTSB Downloadable Aviation Datasets===

Description:

-Datasets containing all aviation investigation data from 1962 to present, updated monthly and weekly (Microsoft Access formatted, MDB).

Available Files:

- -avall.zip (aviation data from 2008-present, updated monthly)
- -codman.pdf (aviation coding manual for pre-1982 dataset)
- -eadmspub.pdf (avall.zip database schema)
- -eadmspub legacy.pdf (pre2008.zip database schema)
- -pre1982.zip (aviation data from 1962-1981)
- -pre2008.zip (aviation data from 1982-2007)
- -updaymonth.zip (aviation data from 1983-present, updated weekly)

===Release Notes===

Release 3.0 Changes (Release Date: 3/01/24):

- -As of March 01, 2024 the 'findings' table in the AVALL monthly and weekly update MDB downloads has been modified to include a new field 'cm inPC'.
- -The valid values for this new field are TRUE and FALSE, indicating whether the associated finding area was cited in the accident probable cause statement as a cause or contributing factor.
- -This change is consistent with the 'cm_inPC' field and values that also appear in the CAROL search tool JSON download files, and replaces the legacy 'cause_factor' field in the MDB 'findings' table that has been deprecated.
- -Existing data in the 'cause_factor' field for cases released prior to October 2020 will be retained but the field will not be populated for future cases.
- -The `cm_inPC' field has been back-filled for all records in the AVALL file using the logic, if `cause_factor' = `C' or `F' then cm_inPC = TRUE else FALSE.

Release 2.9 Changes (Release Date: 10/26/23):

-Adjusted 3,500 records (from 1982) to improve data availability