

# AVIATION RISK ANALYSIS: IDENTIFYING LOW-RISK AIRCRAFT FOR BUSINESS EXPANSION

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## Overview

The aviation industry presents significant opportunities for business expansion, but it also comes with inherent risks. This project aims to provide actionable insights into aircraft safety to guide informed decisions for investing in commercial and private aviation. Using a dataset from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which includes detailed records of aviation accidents, I analyzed key factors such as aircraft make, model, engine type, number of engines and weather conditions. By leveraging statistical methods and data visualizations, we identified trends and risk factors associated with different aircraft types. Our findings offer data-driven recommendations to minimize risk and optimize investment decisions, focusing on the safest and most reliable aircraft makes and models.

# Business Problem

My company is expanding into the aviation industry to diversify its portfolio. The goal is to identify the safest and lowest-risk aircraft for both commercial and private operations. The aviation industry carries significant safety risks, and understanding the patterns and causes of accidents is critical to making informed decisions about which aircraft to purchase. This analysis will help the company reduce risks and ensure a successful entry into the new industry.

## Business Pain Points

- **Safety Concerns:** Aviation accidents can result in significant financial losses and damage to reputation. The company needs to minimize the risk of accidents by selecting reliable and safe aircraft.
- **Knowledge Gap:** The company lacks expertise in evaluating aircraft safety and understanding which factors contribute to higher accident risks.
- **Decision Support:** Without data-driven insights, choosing the right aircraft could be a costly and risky endeavor.

## Data Analysis Questions

The following questions were chosen to address the business's needs:

1. **Which aircraft makes and models have the highest and lowest accident counts?**
  - Helps identify safer aircraft and avoid those with a history of frequent accidents.
2. **What are the patterns of accidents based on engine type and number of engines?**
  - Provides insights into the reliability of different engine configurations and helps assess risks associated with specific aircraft types.
3. **How do meteorological conditions (VMC vs. IMC) impact accident counts?**
  - Helps evaluate risks related to operating conditions and aids in planning operational strategies.
4. **Which aircraft make or model is associated with the most or least severe outcomes, such as fatalities or serious injuries?**
  - Identifies aircraft with better safety.

## Importance to the Business

Answering these questions is critical for making informed decisions about aircraft purchases. By understanding accident trends and identifying low-risk aircraft:

- The company can mitigate potential losses and liabilities.
- It ensures better operational safety and reliability.
- The findings can shape future policies, such as pilot training or maintenance schedules, based on aircraft-specific risks.

These insights provide the foundation for data-driven recommendations that align with the company's goal of entering the aviation industry successfully and safely.

# Data Understanding

## Data Source

The dataset used for this project was sourced from [Kaggle](https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/khsamaha/aviation-accident-database-synopses) (<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/khsamaha/aviation-accident-database-synopses>). It contains detailed information about aviation accidents, which is critical for analyzing risks associated with different aircraft types.

## Data Representation

The data represent aviation accident records, primarily including information about aircraft make, model, engine type, number of engines, and accident outcomes such as injuries and fatalities.

Key variables included in the dataset are:

- **Make and Model:** Specifies the manufacturer and model of the aircraft.
- **Injury Severity:** Indicates whether the accident resulted in fatal or unfatal injuries.
- **Total Fatal Injuries:** The number of fatalities per accident.
- **Total Serious Injuries:** The number of serious injuries per accident.
- **Meteorological Conditions:** Specifies whether the accident occurred under Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) or Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC).
- **Engine Type:** Type of engine powering the aircraft (e.g., Reciprocating, Turbo Shaft, Turbo Prop, Turbo Fan).
- **Number of Engines:** The number of engines on the aircraft.

## Target Variable

The target variable for this analysis is the "**Total fatal injuries**" column, which represents the total number of fatalities in an accident. This variable is crucial for identifying high-risk aircraft and assessing safety.

## Variable Properties

The key variables intended for use have the following properties:

- **Categorical Variables:**
  - investigation type : We'll focus on accidents only rather than incidents.
  - make & model : Combines aircraft make and model for detailed analysis.
  - engine type : Identifies the type of engine powering the aircraft.
  - number of engines : Categorizes aircraft by the number of engines.
  - injury severity : Classifies accidents based on injury outcomes.
- **Numerical Variables:**
  - Total fatal injuries : Represents the total number of fatalities.
  - Total serious injuries : Represents the total number of serious injuries.

```
In [1]: #importing the packages I will be using for this project
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

%matplotlib inline
```

## Aviation accident data

We start by exploring the data through typical data exploration method and attributes. We take a look at the first rows of data and the data types of columns.

```
In [2]: # reading the csv file
avi_df = pd.read_csv("Data\AviationData.csv", encoding="latin1", low_memory=False)

# previewing the DataFrame
avi_df.head()
```

Out[2]:

	Event.Id	Investigation.Type	Accident.Number	Event.Date	Location	Country	L
0	20001218X45444	Accident	SEA87LA080	1948-10-24	MOOSE CREEK, ID	United States	
1	20001218X45447	Accident	LAX94LA336	1962-07-19	BRIDGEPORT, CA	United States	
2	20061025X01555	Accident	NYC07LA005	1974-08-30	Saltville, VA	United States	36.9
3	20001218X45448	Accident	LAX96LA321	1977-06-19	EUREKA, CA	United States	
4	20041105X01764	Accident	CHI79FA064	1979-08-02	Canton, OH	United States	

5 rows × 31 columns

```
In [3]: # List of data's columns  
avi_df.columns
```

```
Out[3]: Index(['Event.Id', 'Investigation.Type', 'Accident.Number', 'Event.Date',  
              'Location', 'Country', 'Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Airport.Code',  
              'Airport.Name', 'Injury.Severity', 'Aircraft.damage',  
              'Aircraft.Category', 'Registration.Number', 'Make', 'Model',  
              'Amateur.Built', 'Number.ofEngines', 'Engine.Type', 'FAR.Description',  
              'Schedule', 'Purpose.of.flight', 'Air.carrier', 'Total.Fatal.Injuries',  
              'Total.Serious.Injuries', 'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured',  
              'Weather.Condition', 'Broad.phase.of.flight', 'Report.Status',  
              'Publication.Date'],  
             dtype='object')
```

```
In [4]: # shape of the dataset  
avi_df.shape
```

```
Out[4]: (88889, 31)
```

```
In [5]: # Lists column names, data types, and non-null counts.  
avi_df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>  
RangeIndex: 88889 entries, 0 to 88888  
Data columns (total 31 columns):  
 #   Column           Non-Null Count  Dtype     
---  --  
 0   Event.Id         88889 non-null   object    
 1   Investigation.Type 88889 non-null   object    
 2   Accident.Number  88889 non-null   object    
 3   Event.Date       88889 non-null   object    
 4   Location          88837 non-null   object    
 5   Country           88663 non-null   object    
 6   Latitude          34382 non-null   object    
 7   Longitude         34373 non-null   object    
 8   Airport.Code      50249 non-null   object    
 9   Airport.Name      52790 non-null   object    
 10  Injury.Severity  87889 non-null   object    
 11  Aircraft.damage  85695 non-null   object    
 12  Aircraft.Category 32287 non-null   object    
 13  Registration.Number 87572 non-null   object    
 14  Make              88826 non-null   object    
 15  Model              88797 non-null   object    
 16  Amateur.Built     88787 non-null   object    
 17  Number.of.Engines 82805 non-null   float64   
 18  Engine.Type       81812 non-null   object    
 19  FAR.Description   32023 non-null   object    
 20  Schedule           12582 non-null   object    
 21  Purpose.of.flight 82697 non-null   object    
 22  Air.carrier        16648 non-null   object    
 23  Total.Fatal.Injuries 77488 non-null   float64   
 24  Total.Serious.Injuries 76379 non-null   float64   
 25  Total.Minor.Injuries 76956 non-null   float64   
 26  Total.Uninjured    82977 non-null   float64   
 27  Weather.Condition  84397 non-null   object    
 28  Broad.phase.of.flight 61724 non-null   object    
 29  Report.Status      82508 non-null   object    
 30  Publication.Date   75118 non-null   object    
dtypes: float64(5), object(26)  
memory usage: 21.0+ MB
```

```
In [6]: # Summary statistics of the data  
avi_df.describe()
```

Out[6]:

	Number.of.Engines	Total.Fatal.Injuries	Total.Serious.Injuries	Total.Minor.Injuries	Total.Uninj
count	82805.000000	77488.000000	76379.000000	76956.000000	82977.00
mean	1.146585	0.647855	0.279881	0.357061	5.32
std	0.446510	5.485960	1.544084	2.235625	27.91
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00
25%	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.00
50%	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1.00
75%	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	2.00
max	8.000000	349.000000	161.000000	380.000000	699.00

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```
In [7]: #Finding the percentages of null columns  
avi_df.isna().sum() / len(avi_df) * 100
```

```
Out[7]: Event.Id          0.000000  
Investigation.Type    0.000000  
Accident.Number       0.000000  
Event.Date            0.000000  
Location              0.058500  
Country               0.254250  
Latitude              61.320298  
Longitude             61.330423  
Airport.Code           43.469946  
Airport.Name           40.611324  
Injury.Severity        1.124999  
Aircraft.damage        3.593246  
Aircraft.Category      63.677170  
Registration.Number    1.481623  
Make                   0.070875  
Model                  0.103500  
Amateur.Built          0.114750  
Number.of.Engines       6.844491  
Engine.Type             7.961615  
FAR.Description         63.974170  
Schedule               85.845268  
Purpose.of.flight       6.965991  
Air.carrier             81.271023  
Total.Fatal.Injuries   12.826109  
Total.Serious.Injuries  14.073732  
Total.Minor.Injuries    13.424608  
Total.Uninjured          6.650992  
Weather.Condition        5.053494  
Broad.phase.of.flight   30.560587  
Report.Status            7.178616  
Publication.Date         15.492356  
dtype: float64
```

# Data Preparation

To prepare the dataset for analysis, several steps were undertaken to ensure the data was clean, relevant, and aligned with the business problem of identifying low-risk aircraft. Each key step has a title.

## Dropping irrelevant columns

Dropping irrelevant columns unrelated to safety and risk assessment and columns with a higher percentage of null values

```
In [8]: # Creating a list of the columns to drop
cols_to_drop = ['Accident.Number', 'Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Airport.Code', 'Ai
rport.Name', 'Aircraft.Category',
                 'FAR.Description', 'Schedule', 'Registration.Number',
                 'Air.carrier', 'Amateur.Built', 'Broad.phase.of.flight',
                 'Publication.Date', 'Report.Status']
```

```
In [9]: # Copying the original dataframe
avi_df_clean = avi_df.drop(columns=cols_to_drop)
```

```
In [10]: # Checking the remaining columns
avi_df_clean.columns
```

```
Out[10]: Index(['Event.Id', 'Investigation.Type', 'Event.Date', 'Location', 'Country',
       'Injury.Severity', 'Aircraft.damage', 'Make', 'Model',
       'Number.ofEngines', 'Engine.Type', 'Purpose.of.flight',
       'Total.Fatal.Injuries', 'Total.Serious.Injuries',
       'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured', 'Weather.Condition'],
      dtype='object')
```

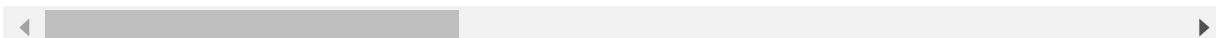
```
In [11]: # Checking the sum of null values in each column  
avi_df_clean.isna().sum()
```

```
Out[11]: Event.Id          0  
Investigation.Type      0  
Event.Date              0  
Location                 52  
Country                  226  
Injury.Severity          1000  
Aircraft.damage          3194  
Make                      63  
Model                     92  
Number.of.Engines        6084  
Engine.Type               7077  
Purpose.of.flight         6192  
Total.Fatal.Injuries     11401  
Total.Serious.Injuries    12510  
Total.Minor.Injuries      11933  
Total.Uninjured            5912  
Weather.Condition         4492  
dtype: int64
```

```
In [12]: # Checking the dataframe  
avi_df_clean.head()
```

```
Out[12]:
```

	Event.Id	Investigation.Type	Event.Date	Location	Country	Injury.Severity	Aircraf
0	20001218X45444	Accident	1948-10-24	MOOSE CREEK, ID	United States	Fatal(2)	
1	20001218X45447	Accident	1962-07-19	BRIDGEPORT, CA	United States	Fatal(4)	
2	20061025X01555	Accident	1974-08-30	Saltville, VA	United States	Fatal(3)	
3	20001218X45448	Accident	1977-06-19	EUREKA, CA	United States	Fatal(2)	
4	20041105X01764	Accident	1979-08-02	Canton, OH	United States	Fatal(1)	



## Renaming the columns to a consistent and concise format

```
In [13]: # Dictionary to rename old column names to new column names
column_rename = {
    "Event.Id": "event_id",
    "Investigation.Type": "investigation_type",
    "Event.Date": "event_date",
    "Location": "location",
    "Country": "country",
    "Injury.Severity": "injury_severity",
    "Aircraft.damage": "aircraft_damage",
    "Make": "make",
    "Model": "model",
    "Number.of.Engines": "number_of_engines",
    "Engine.Type": "engine_type",
    "Purpose.of.flight": "purpose_of_flight",
    "Total.Fatal.Injuries": "total_fatal_injuries",
    "Total.Serious.Injuries": "total_serious_injuries",
    "Total.Minor.Injuries": "total_minor_injuries",
    "Total.Uninjured": "total_uninjured",
    "Weather.Condition": "weather_condition"
}

# Renaming the columns
avi_df_clean.rename(columns=column_rename, inplace=True)

# Display the new column names
print(avi_df_clean.columns)

Index(['event_id', 'investigation_type', 'event_date', 'location', 'country',
       'injury_severity', 'aircraft_damage', 'make', 'model',
       'number_of_engines', 'engine_type', 'purpose_of_flight',
       'total_fatal_injuries', 'total_serious_injuries',
       'total_minor_injuries', 'total_uninjured', 'weather_condition'],
      dtype='object')
```

## Filtering the investigation type column to accidents only

### Reasons

Accidents typically involve more severe outcomes such as fatalities, injuries, or substantial damage, making them critical to assessing risks. Concentrating on accidents aligns better with identifying safer aircraft for investment, as the business seeks to minimize operational risks.

```
In [14]: # Checking the unique value counts in investigation type
avi_df_clean['investigation_type'].value_counts()

Out[14]: Accident    85015
          Incident   3874
          Name: investigation_type, dtype: int64
```

```
In [15]: # Filter for accidents only  
avi_df_clean = avi_df_clean[avi_df_clean['investigation_type'] == 'Accident']
```

```
In [16]: # Rechecking the unique value counts  
avi_df_clean['investigation_type'].value_counts()
```

```
Out[16]: Accident    85015  
Name: investigation_type, dtype: int64
```

```
In [17]: # Checking the dataframe  
avi_df_clean.head()
```

```
Out[17]:
```

	event_id	investigation_type	event_date	location	country	injury_severity	aircraf
0	20001218X45444	Accident	1948-10-24	MOOSE CREEK, ID	United States	Fatal(2)	
1	20001218X45447	Accident	1962-07-19	BRIDGEPORT, CA	United States	Fatal(4)	
2	20061025X01555	Accident	1974-08-30	Saltville, VA	United States	Fatal(3)	
3	20001218X45448	Accident	1977-06-19	EUREKA, CA	United States	Fatal(2)	
4	20041105X01764	Accident	1979-08-02	Canton, OH	United States	Fatal(1)	



## Cleaning injury\_severity and total\_fatal\_injuries columns

I realized that the values in parenthesis in injury\_severity column are actually in the total\_fatal\_injuries column, which contains a lot of null values. Therefore I created a new column `totalfatal_injuries` that extracts the numerical values from injury\_severity column.

```
In [18]: avi_df_clean.loc[:, ["injury_severity", "total_fatal_injuries"]]
```

Out[18]:

	injury_severity	total_fatal_injuries
0	Fatal(2)	2.0
1	Fatal(4)	4.0
2	Fatal(3)	3.0
3	Fatal(2)	2.0
4	Fatal(1)	1.0
...	...	...
88884	Minor	0.0
88885	NaN	0.0
88886	Non-Fatal	0.0
88887	NaN	0.0
88888	Minor	0.0

85015 rows × 2 columns

```
In [19]: # Creating a new column  
# Extracting numbers from the 'injury_severity' column using regex & Fill missing values in 'totalfatal_injuries' with 0  
avi_df_clean['totalfatal_injuries'] = avi_df_clean['injury_severity'].str.extract(r'\((\d+)\)').fillna(0).astype(int)  
  
print(avi_df_clean['totalfatal_injuries'].head())
```

```
0    2  
1    4  
2    3  
3    2  
4    1  
Name: totalfatal_injuries, dtype: int32
```

In [20]: # Verifying the assumption  
avi\_df\_clean.loc[10060:10100, ["injury\_severity", "totalfatal\_injuries"]]

Out[20]:

	injury_severity	totalfatal_injuries
10060	Fatal(2)	2
10061	Fatal(2)	2
10062	Non-Fatal	0
10063	Non-Fatal	0
10064	Non-Fatal	0
10065	Non-Fatal	0
10066	Non-Fatal	0
10067	Non-Fatal	0
10068	Fatal(4)	4
10069	Non-Fatal	0
10070	Non-Fatal	0
10071	Non-Fatal	0
10072	Non-Fatal	0
10073	Non-Fatal	0
10074	Non-Fatal	0
10075	Non-Fatal	0
10076	Non-Fatal	0
10077	Non-Fatal	0
10079	Fatal(1)	1
10080	Non-Fatal	0
10081	Non-Fatal	0
10082	Non-Fatal	0
10083	Fatal(1)	1
10086	Non-Fatal	0
10087	Non-Fatal	0
10088	Non-Fatal	0
10089	Non-Fatal	0
10090	Non-Fatal	0
10091	Fatal(1)	1
10092	Fatal(2)	2
10093	Non-Fatal	0
10094	Non-Fatal	0
10095	Non-Fatal	0
10096	Fatal(1)	1
10097	Non-Fatal	0
10098	Fatal(1)	1

	<code>injury_severity</code>	<code>totalfatal_injuries</code>
10099	Non-Fatal	0
10100	Fatal(3)	3

```
In [21]: # Remove values in parentheses from 'injury_severity' to remain with unique values
avi_df_clean['injury_severity'] = avi_df_clean['injury_severity'].str.replace(r'\(.?\)', '', regex=True).str.strip()

# Displaying the updated DataFrame to verify
print(avi_df_clean['injury_severity'])
```

```
0          Fatal
1          Fatal
2          Fatal
3          Fatal
4          Fatal
...
88884      Minor
88885      NaN
88886  Non-Fatal
88887      NaN
88888      Minor
Name: injury_severity, Length: 85015, dtype: object
```

```
In [22]: # Checking the value counts
avi_df_clean["injury_severity"].value_counts()
```

```
Out[22]: Non-Fatal      66380
Fatal        17825
Minor         215
Serious       172
Unavailable     96
Name: injury_severity, dtype: int64
```

## Creating a new column to Categorize injury severity into broader groups

For easier understanding of the data

```
In [23]: # Creating a function to categorize injury severity into broader groups
def categorize_severity(severity):
    if severity == 'Fatal':
        return 'Fatal'
    elif severity in ['Non-Fatal', 'Incident', 'Minor', 'Serious']:
        return 'Non-Fatal'
    else:
        return 'Unavailable'

# Creating a new column to categorize injury severity into broader groups by applying the function
avi_df_clean['severity_category'] = avi_df_clean['injury_severity'].apply(categorize_severity)
```

```
In [24]: # Checking the value counts of the new column
avi_df_clean['severity_category'].value_counts()
```

```
Out[24]: Non-Fatal      66767
Fatal          17825
Unavailable     423
Name: severity_category, dtype: int64
```

```
In [25]: # For showing the columns null values
avi_df_clean.isna().sum()
```

```
Out[25]: event_id            0
investigation_type       0
event_date              0
location                 40
country                  206
injury_severity          327
aircraft_damage          1460
make                      36
model                     60
number_of_engines         4900
engine_type               5841
purpose_of_flight         4327
total_fatal_injuries     10756
total_serious_injuries    11863
total_minor_injuries      11309
total_uninjured           5768
weather_condition          3133
totalfatal_injuries        0
severity_category          0
dtype: int64
```

```
In [26]: # Droping total_fatal_injuries col since I created a new column containing its values
avi_df_clean.drop(columns=['total_fatal_injuries'], inplace=True)
```

```
In [27]: # For showing the columns null values  
avi_df_clean.isna().sum()
```

```
Out[27]: event_id          0  
investigation_type      0  
event_date              0  
location                 40  
country                  206  
injury_severity          327  
aircraft_damage          1460  
make                      36  
model                     60  
number_of_engines        4900  
engine_type               5841  
purpose_of_flight         4327  
total_serious_injuries   11863  
total_minor_injuries     11309  
total_uninjured           5768  
weather_condition         3133  
total_fatal_injuries      0  
severity_category          0  
dtype: int64
```

## Cleaning the make column

It seems it contains both uppercased and lowercased values

```
In [28]: # Checking the value counts in make column  
avi_df_clean["make"].value_counts()
```

```
Out[28]: Cessna                21973  
Piper                 11885  
CESSNA                4820  
Beech                  4170  
PIPER                 2799  
...  
Ronald D. Murray            1  
Kemp                   1  
Spezio                  1  
ENGLISH ELECTRIC LIGHTNING    1  
EASLER KELLY                1  
Name: make, Length: 8170, dtype: int64
```

```
In [29]: # Convert the 'make' column to lowercase to improve our analysis  
avi_df_clean['make'] = avi_df_clean['make'].str.capitalize()  
  
avi_df_clean['make'].value_counts()
```

```
Out[29]: Cessna                  26793  
Piper                   14684  
Beech                    5177  
Bell                     2662  
Boeing                   1362  
...  
Excel jet                  1  
Tamarack helicopters inc   1  
Western international avia inc 1  
Qac                      1  
Bowlin                   1  
Name: make, Length: 7529, dtype: int64
```

```
In [30]: # Checking for categorical columns  
  
avi_df_clean.dtypes
```

```
Out[30]: event_id                object  
investigation_type            object  
event_date                 object  
location                   object  
country                    object  
injury_severity             object  
aircraft_damage              object  
make                        object  
model                       object  
number_of_engines           float64  
engine_type                 object  
purpose_of_flight            object  
total_serious_injuries      float64  
total_minor_injuries         float64  
total_uninjured              float64  
weather_condition            object  
totalfatal_injuries          int32  
severity_category            object  
dtype: object
```

## Filling null values in categorical columns with the mode

```
In [31]: # Creating a list of the categorical columns
categorical_columns = [ 'injury_severity', 'aircraft_damage',
                       'make', 'model', 'engine_type', 'purpose_of_flight',
                       'weather_condition' ]

# Filling null values in each categorical column with the mode
for column in categorical_columns:
    mode_value = avi_df_clean[column].mode()[0]
    avi_df_clean[column].fillna(mode_value, inplace=True)
```

## Combining make and model into a single column for better analysis

```
In [32]: # Creating a new column that contains both make and model
avi_df_clean['make_model'] = avi_df_clean['make'] + " " + avi_df_clean['model']
```

## Dropping rows with null values in the remaining categorical columns

```
In [33]: #Dropping rows with null values in the remaining categorical columns
avi_df_clean = avi_df_clean.dropna(subset=['location', 'country'])
```

```
In [34]: # For showing the columns null values  
avi_df_clean.isna().sum()
```

```
Out[34]: event_id          0  
investigation_type      0  
event_date              0  
location                 0  
country                  0  
injury_severity          0  
aircraft_damage          0  
make                      0  
model                     0  
number_of_engines        4876  
engine_type               0  
purpose_of_flight         0  
total_serious_injuries   11846  
total_minor_injuries     11291  
total_uninjured           5756  
weather_condition          0  
total_fatal_injuries      0  
severity_category          0  
make_model                0  
dtype: int64
```

## Handling missing values numerical columns

```
In [35]: # Finding the mean of number of engines  
no_of_engines_mean = avi_df_clean['number_of_engines'].mean()  
no_of_engines_mean = round(no_of_engines_mean, 0)  
no_of_engines_mean
```

```
Out[35]: 1.0
```

```
In [36]: avi_df_clean['number_of_engines'].fillna(value = no_of_engines_mean, inplace=True )
```

```
In [37]: # Convert the 'number_of_engines' column to integers  
avi_df_clean['number_of_engines'] = avi_df_clean['number_of_engines'].astype(int)  
  
# Verify the conversion  
print(avi_df_clean['number_of_engines'].dtype)
```

```
int32
```

```
In [38]: # For showing the numerical columns null values  
avi_df_clean.isna().sum()
```

```
Out[38]: event_id          0  
investigation_type      0  
event_date              0  
location                 0  
country                  0  
injury_severity          0  
aircraft_damage          0  
make                      0  
model                     0  
number_of_engines         0  
engine_type               0  
purpose_of_flight         0  
total_serious_injuries   11846  
total_minor_injuries     11291  
total_uninjured           5756  
weather_condition          0  
total_fatal_injuries      0  
severity_category          0  
make_model                0  
dtype: int64
```

```
In [39]: # Filling the remaining numerical columns with their various modes  
avi_df_clean['total_serious_injuries'].fillna(avi_df_clean['total_serious_injuries'].median(), inplace=True)  
avi_df_clean['total_minor_injuries'].fillna(avi_df_clean['total_minor_injuries'].median(), inplace=True)  
avi_df_clean['total_uninjured'].fillna(avi_df_clean['total_uninjured'].median(), inplace=True)
```

## Cleaning the weather condition column

It seems like the unknown value is written in both capital letters and small letters. Lets solve that.

```
In [40]: #Checking the value counts of weather condition  
avi_df_clean['weather_condition'].value_counts()
```

```
Out[40]: VMC    78114  
IMC     5712  
UNK     729  
Unk     215  
Name: weather_condition, dtype: int64
```

```
In [41]: # Combine 'UNK' and 'Unk' into a single category  
avi_df_clean['weather_condition'] = avi_df_clean['weather_condition'].replace  
({'Unk': 'UNK'})  
  
# Rechecking the value counts of weather condition  
avi_df_clean['weather_condition'].value_counts()
```

```
Out[41]: VMC      78114  
IMC       5712  
UNK        944  
Name: weather_condition, dtype: int64
```

## Now all the null values are dealt with

```
In [42]: # Rechecking for any null values  
avi_df_clean.isna().sum()
```

```
Out[42]: event_id          0  
investigation_type    0  
event_date           0  
location              0  
country               0  
injury_severity      0  
aircraft_damage       0  
make                  0  
model                 0  
number_of_engines     0  
engine_type           0  
purpose_of_flight     0  
total_serious_injuries 0  
total_minor_injuries   0  
total_uninjured        0  
weather_condition      0  
totalfatal_injuries    0  
severity_category      0  
make_model             0  
dtype: int64
```

```
In [43]: # Converting the 'event_date' data type column from object to date  
avi_df_clean['event_date'] = pd.to_datetime(avi_df_clean['event_date'])
```

```
In [44]: # Check the data type of the 'event_date' column  
print(avi_df_clean['event_date'].dtypes)  
  
datetime64[ns]
```

```
In [45]: # Creating a new column that contains only the years  
avi_df_clean['year'] = avi_df_clean['event_date'].dt.year
```

# Data Analysis

To address these questions I had posed at the onset of this project, various charts and graphs were used to uncover patterns and provide actionable insights:

## 1. Line Charts:

- **Trends in Accidents Over Time:** Visualized the number of accidents from 1948 to 2022, revealing historical trends and changes in safety.

## 2. Bar Charts:

- **Accident Severity:** Compared the total counts of fatal and non-fatal injuries over the years, offering a clear picture of accident outcomes.
- **Accident Counts by Aircraft Make and Model:** Identified aircraft makes and models with the highest and lowest accident counts to guide risk assessments.
- **Accident Patterns by Engine Type and Number of Engines:** Explored the relationship between engine configurations and accident frequency, shedding light on aircraft reliability.
- **Accident Counts by Meteorological Conditions:** Highlighted differences in accident rates under Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) and Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC), informing strategies for safer operations.

## Tools and Methods

- **Data Processing:** Used **pandas** to clean, aggregate, and analyze the dataset effectively.
- **Visualization:** Employed **Matplotlib** and **Seaborn** to create clear and impactful visualizations tailored for non-technical stakeholders.

These analyses laid the groundwork for actionable recommendations, ensuring that the business's aviation expansion is based on robust, data-driven insights.

```
In [46]: # Summary Statistics  
avi_df_clean.describe()
```

Out[46]:

	number_of_engines	total_serious_injuries	total_minor_injuries	total_uninjured	totalfatal_in
count	84770.000000	84770.000000	84770.000000	84770.000000	84770.0
mean	1.109001	0.247422	0.308482	3.065165	0.4
std	0.384232	1.424762	1.645538	19.058674	4.4
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0
25%	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0
50%	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000	0.0
75%	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	2.000000	0.0
max	8.000000	161.000000	200.000000	699.000000	349.0



```
In [47]: # Checking the summary statistics for categorical columns  
avi_df_clean.describe(include='object')
```

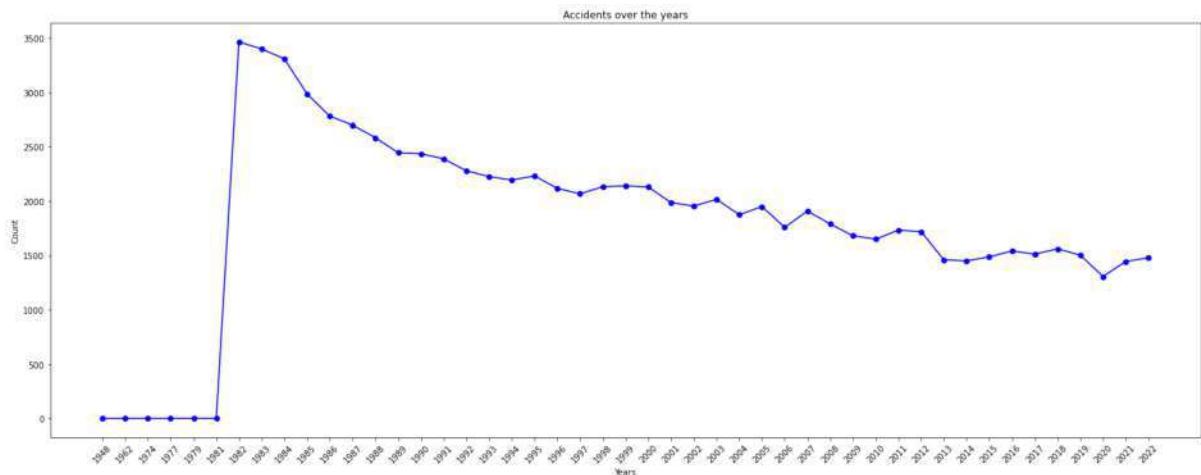
Out[47]:

	event_id	investigation_type	location	country	injury_severity	aircraft_dama
count	84770	84770	84770	84770	84770	847
unique	83947	1	26767	206	5	
top	20001212X19172	Accident	ANCHORAGE, AK	United States	Non-Fatal	Substan
freq	3	84770	405	79895	66545	654

## Trend Analysis

The below line chart shows the count of accidents over the years, with the most count of accidents being in 1982.

```
In [48]: # Extracting the value counts of the years which represent the count of accident in a specific year.  
year_trend= avi_df_clean["year"].value_counts().sort_index()  
x_= year_trend.index.astype(str)  
y_ = year_trend.values  
# Customizing the plot  
fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize= (20,8))  
ax.plot(x_, y_ ,marker="o", color='blue')  
ax.set_xlabel('Years')  
plt.xticks(x_, rotation=45)  
ax.set_ylabel('Count')  
ax.set_title('Accidents over the years')  
plt.tight_layout()  
plt.show()
```



## Bar plot showing the count of total fatal and non-fatal injuries through out the years

```
In [49]: # Grouping by year and severity category
severity_counts = avi_df_clean.groupby(['year', 'severity_category']).size().reset_index(name='count')
severity_counts.sort_values(by='count', ascending=False)
```

Out[49]:

	year	severity_category	count
8	1982	Non-Fatal	2813
10	1983	Non-Fatal	2742
12	1984	Non-Fatal	2685
14	1985	Non-Fatal	2419
17	1986	Non-Fatal	2258
...	...	...	...
5	1979	Non-Fatal	1
4	1979	Fatal	1
3	1977	Fatal	1
2	1974	Fatal	1
0	1948	Fatal	1

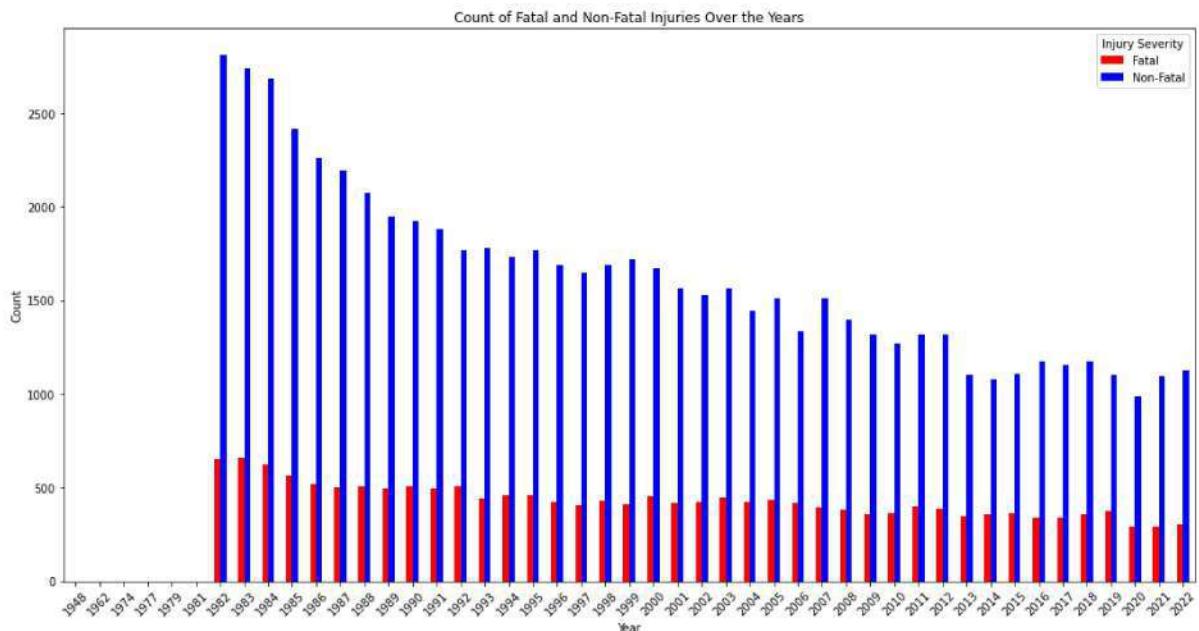
124 rows × 3 columns

```
In [50]: # Pivoting to easen plotting and for filling null values in the pivot table
severity_pivot = severity_counts.pivot(index='year', columns='severity_category', values='count').fillna(0)
```

```
In [51]: #Plotting and customizing the plot
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
severity_pivot[['Fatal', 'Non-Fatal']].plot(kind='bar', figsize=(15, 8), color=['red', 'blue'])
plt.title('Count of Fatal and Non-Fatal Injuries Over the Years')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.legend(title='Injury Severity')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show();
```

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## Bar plot showing the count of accidents by top 35 aircraft make

```
In [52]: # Group by aircraft make and count the number of accidents
make_counts = avi_df_clean['make'].value_counts().head(35)
```

```
# Extracting Labels
x_ = make_counts.index
y_ = make_counts.values

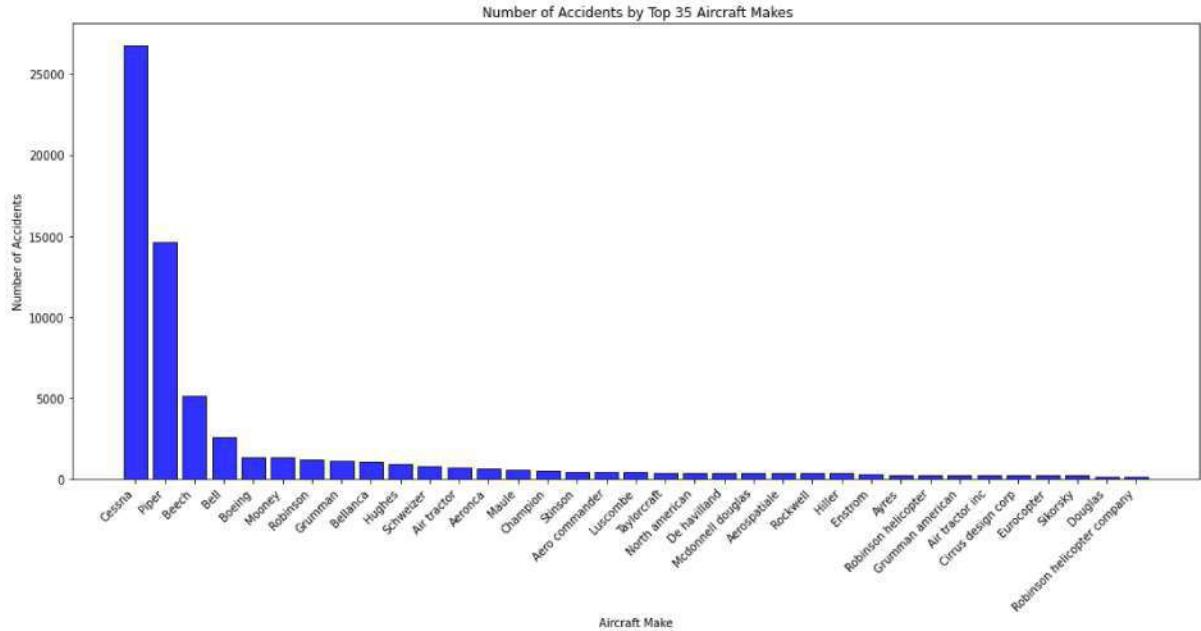
# Plotting the bar chart
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15, 8))
ax.bar(x_, y_, color='blue', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Customizing the plot
```

```

ax.set_xlabel('Aircraft Make')
ax.set_ylabel('Number of Accidents')
ax.set_title(' Number of Accidents by Top 35 Aircraft Makes')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, fontsize=10, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show();

```



## Insights

- **Cessna and Piper dominate** the accident dataset. This is likely a result of their popularity and widespread usage in general aviation and training, which increases exposure to accidents.
- The presence of manufacturers like **Boeing** and **Bell** suggests the dataset includes a mix of commercial airliners and specialized aircraft like helicopters.
- The smaller accident numbers for less common manufacturers, such as **Taylorcraft** and **Luscombe**, could be due to their limited production and operation scale.

Overall, the distribution of accident counts aligns with the operational scale and popularity of these aircraft, with more commonly used makes experiencing higher accident counts.

```
In [53]: # Showcasing the accident counts values of the top 35 aircraft makes  
make_counts
```

```
Out[53]: Cessna          26780  
Piper            14654  
Beech             5165  
Bell              2592  
Boeing            1355  
Mooney             1308  
Robinson           1213  
Grumman            1156  
Bellanca           1039  
Hughes              920  
Schweizer           769  
Air tractor         689  
Aeronca             632  
Maule               587  
Champion             517  
Stinson              436  
Aero commander       420  
Luscombe              414  
Taylorcraft           383  
North american        377  
De havilland          375  
Mcdonnell douglas      359  
Aerospatiale          348  
Rockwell              348  
Hiller                347  
Enstrom                289  
Ayres                  236  
Robinson helicopter      229  
Grumman american        224  
Air tractor inc          217  
Cirrus design corp        212  
Eurocopter              212  
Sikorsky                205  
Douglas                  192  
Robinson helicopter company 190  
Name: make, dtype: int64
```

# Bar chart showing the top 35 aircraft make and model combinations with the highest number of accidents

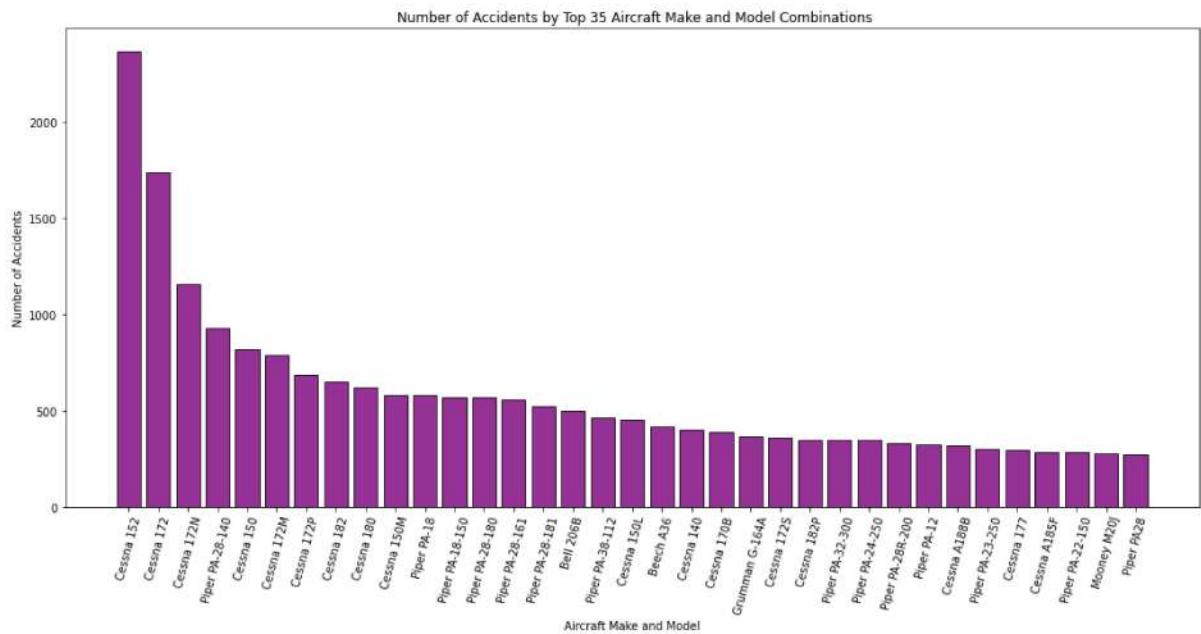
```
In [54]: # Extracting the make_model and count the number of accidents
make_model_counts = avi_df_clean['make_model'].value_counts().head(35)

# Extracting Labels
x_ = make_model_counts.index
y_ = make_model_counts.values

# Plotting the bar chart
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15, 8))
ax.bar(x_, y_, color='purple', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Customizing the plot
ax.set_xlabel('Aircraft Make and Model')
ax.set_ylabel('Number of Accidents')
ax.set_title(' Number of Accidents by Top 35 Aircraft Make and Model Combinations')
plt.xticks(rotation=75) # Rotating x-axis ticks for better readability

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show();
```



```
In [55]: # Showing the values  
make_model_counts
```

```
Out[55]: Cessna 152      2368  
Cessna 172      1741  
Cessna 172N     1157  
Piper PA-28-140  928  
Cessna 150      821  
Cessna 172M     790  
Cessna 172P     684  
Cessna 182      653  
Cessna 180      620  
Cessna 150M     582  
Piper PA-18      578  
Piper PA-18-150  571  
Piper PA-28-180  571  
Piper PA-28-161  560  
Piper PA-28-181  525  
Bell 206B       498  
Piper PA-38-112  464  
Cessna 150L     454  
Beech A36       415  
Cessna 140      401  
Cessna 170B     389  
Grumman G-164A   365  
Cessna 172S     361  
Cessna 182P     350  
Piper PA-32-300  350  
Piper PA-24-250  349  
Piper PA-28R-200 329  
Piper PA-12      323  
Cessna A188B    316  
Piper PA-23-250  300  
Cessna 177      294  
Cessna A185F    283  
Piper PA-22-150  281  
Mooney M20J     280  
Piper PA28       274  
Name: make_model, dtype: int64
```

## Horizontal Bar graphs showing the accident count of 10 Common aircraft make grouped by model

```
In [56]: def plot_top_models_by_make(dataframe, make_name, top_n=35):
    """
    Plots a horizontal bar chart of the top models by accident count for a given make.

    Parameters:
        dataframe (pd.DataFrame): The DataFrame containing the aviation data.
        make_name (str): The name of the make to filter (e.g., 'Cessna').
        top_n (int): The number of top models to display in the chart.
    """

    # Filter rows for the specified make and group by model
    model_counts = (dataframe[dataframe['make'] == make_name]
                    .groupby(['model'])
                    .size()
                    .reset_index(name='accident_count'))

    # Sort by accident count in descending order and get the top 35 models
    top_models = model_counts.sort_values(by='accident_count', ascending=False).head(top_n)

    # Extract data for plotting
    models = top_models['model']
    accident_counts = top_models['accident_count']

    # Create the bar chart
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.barh(models, accident_counts, color='skyblue')

    # Add titles and labels
    plt.title(f' Accident Count by Top {top_n} {make_name} Models ')
    plt.xlabel('Accident Count')
    plt.ylabel(f'{make_name} Model')

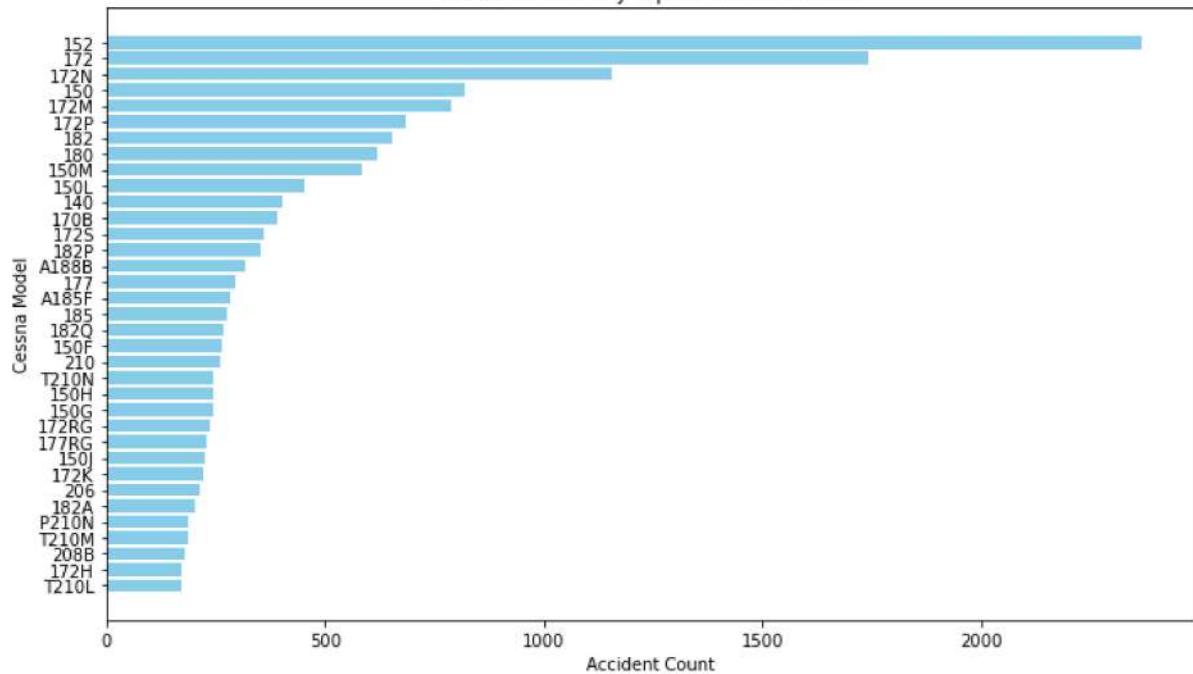
    # Invert y-axis to show the model with the highest count at the top
    plt.gca().invert_yaxis()

    # Display the chart
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

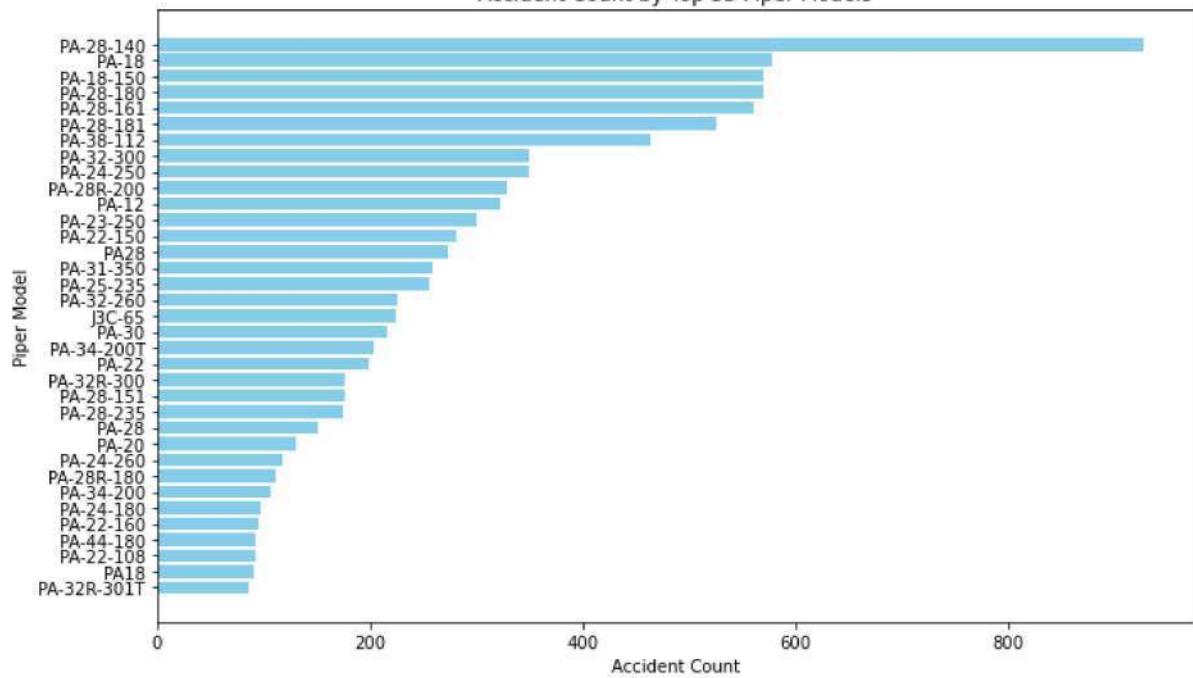
    # Popular makes
makes = ['Cessna', 'Piper', 'Beech', 'Boeing', 'Bell', 'Gulfstream', 'Airbus']

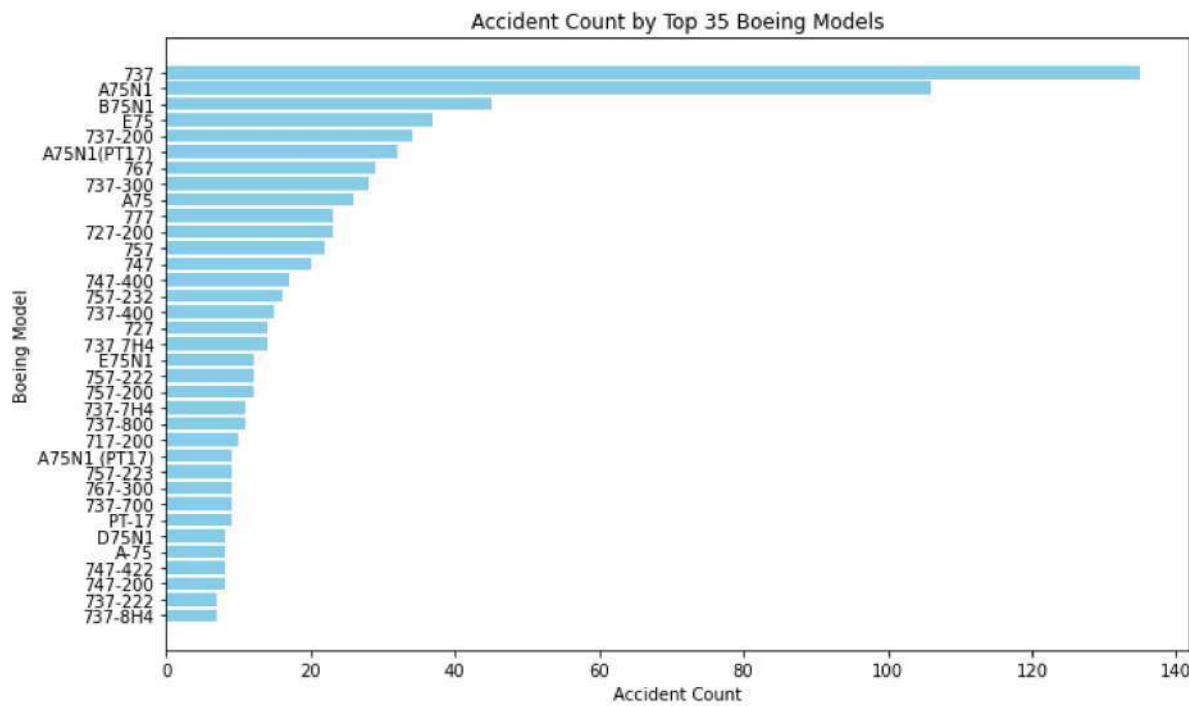
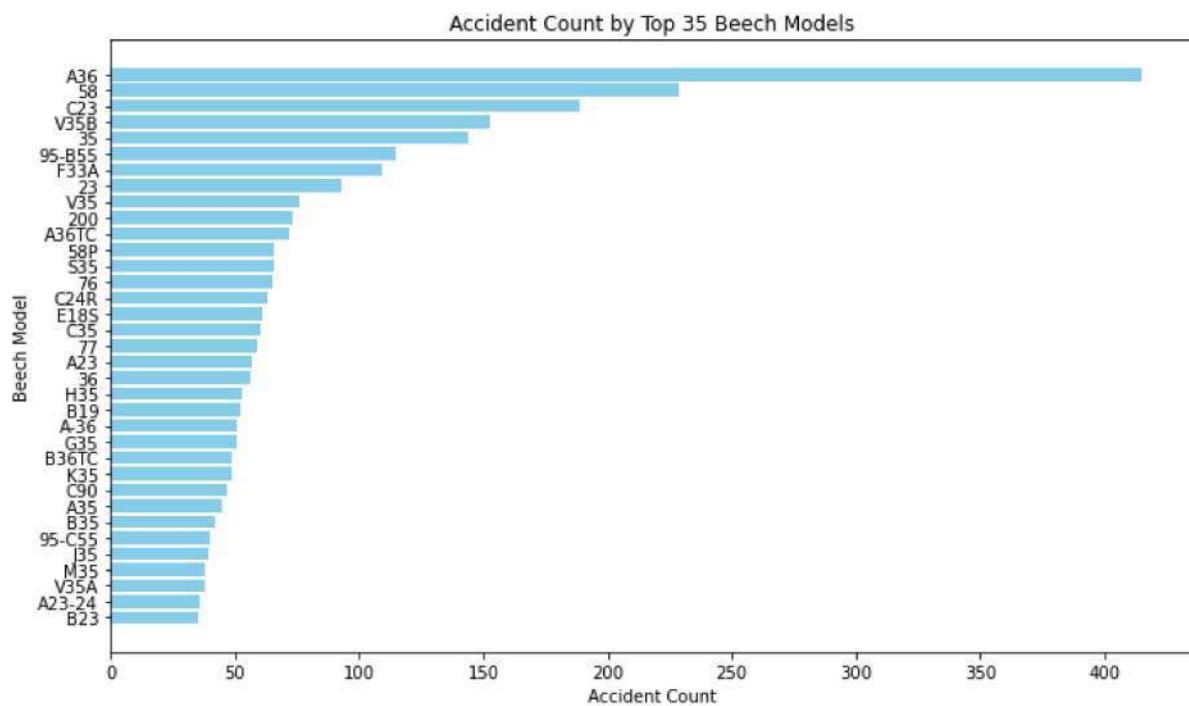
for make in makes:
    plot_top_models_by_make(avi_df_clean, make_name=make, top_n=35)
```

Accident Count by Top 35 Cessna Models

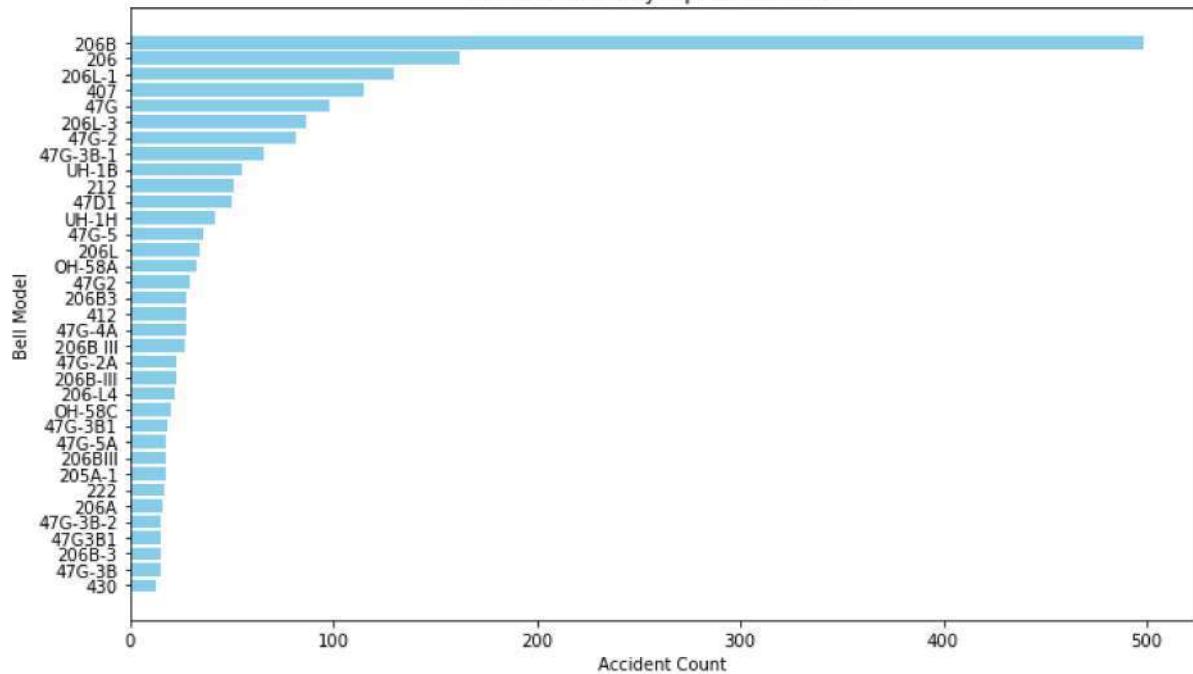


Accident Count by Top 35 Piper Models

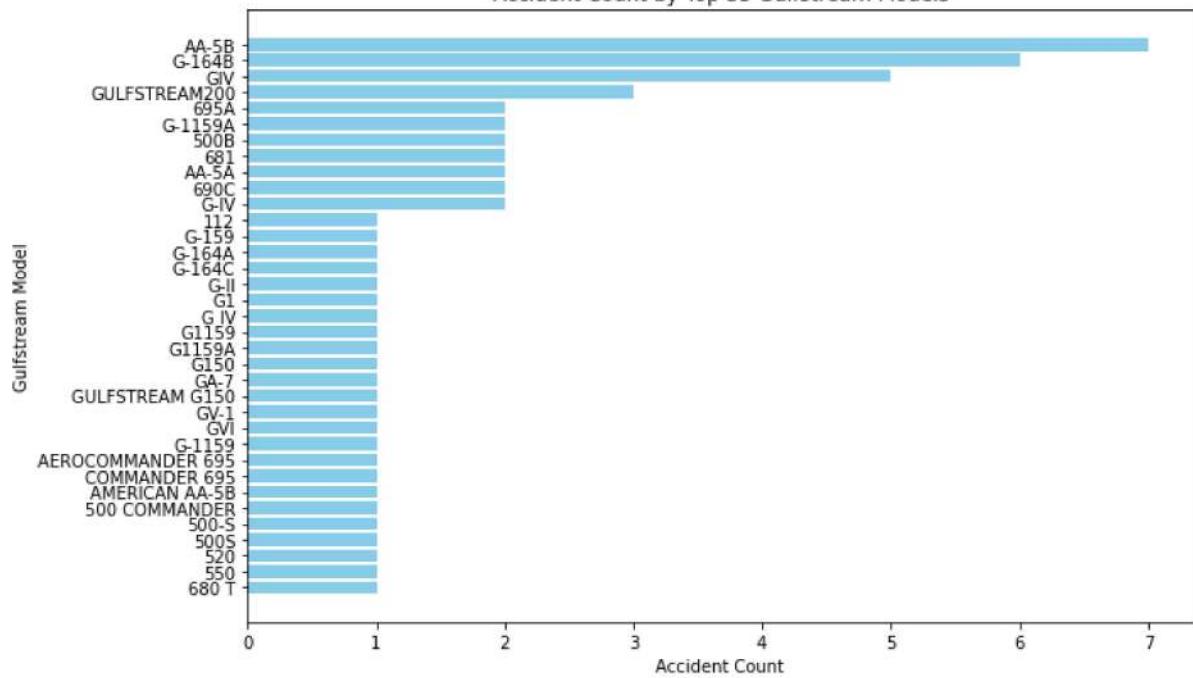




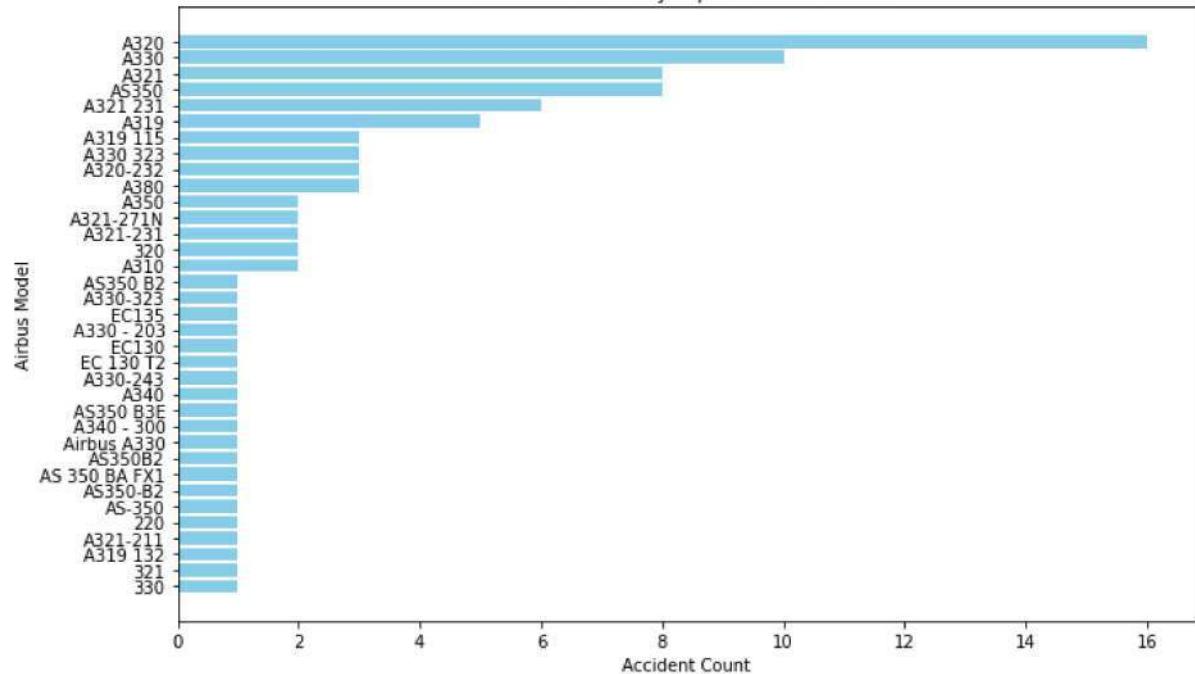
Accident Count by Top 35 Bell Models



Accident Count by Top 35 Gulfstream Models



Accident Count by Top 35 Airbus Models



# **Recommendations for Popular Aircraft Models Based on Accident Counts**

## **Models to Avoid (Higher Accident Counts)**

To reduce risk, the following aircraft models with higher accident counts should be avoided:

- **Cessna Models:**
  - 152, 172, 172N, 150, 172M, 172P, 182, 180, 150M
- **Piper Models:**
  - PA-28-140, PA-18, PA-18-150, PA-28-180, PA-28-161, PA-28-181, PA-38-112
- **Beech Models:**
  - A36, 58, C23, V35B, 35, 95-B55, F33A, 23
- **Boeing Models:**
  - 737, A75N1, B75N1, E75, 737-200, A75N1(PT17)
- **Bell Models:**
  - 206B, 206, 206L-1, 407, 47G, 206L-3

## **Models to Consider (Lower Accident Counts)**

Aircraft models with lower accident counts are recommended for safer operations.

- **Cessna Models:**
  - T210L, 208B, P210N, 182A
- **Piper Models:**
  - PA-22-108, PA-32R-301T
- **Beech Models:**
  - A23-24 , 95-C55
- **Boeing Models:**
  - 747-422
- **Bell Models:**
  - 430, 222
- **Gulfstream Models:**
  - 550, 680T, 500S
- **Airbus Models:**
  - 330, 321, A319-132, A321-211, AS-350

## Bar chart showing Total Fatal Injuries by top 35 Aircraft Makes

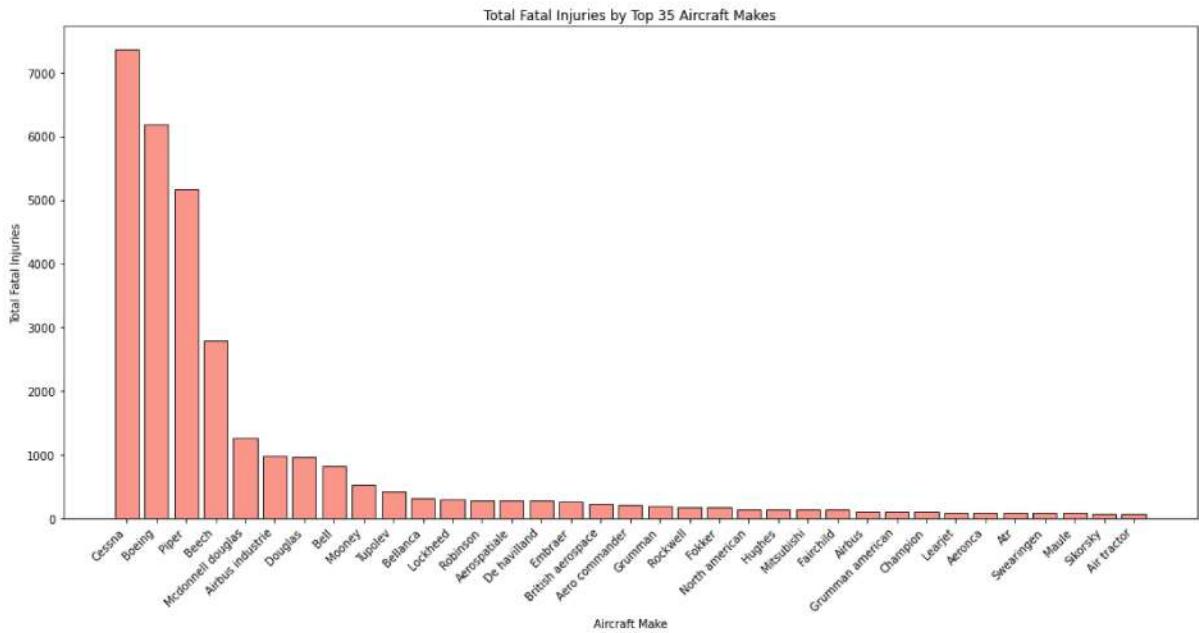
```
In [57]: # Group by 'make' and sum the total fatal injuries
make_fatal_injuries = (avi_df_clean.groupby('make')['totalfatal_injuries']
                        .sum()
                        .sort_values(ascending=False)
                        .reset_index())

# Extract the top 20 makes with the highest total fatal injuries
top_35_makes_fatal = make_fatal_injuries.head(35)

# Plotting the bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
plt.bar(top_35_makes_fatal['make'], top_35_makes_fatal['totalfatal_injuries'],
        color='salmon', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Customizing the plot
plt.title('Total Fatal Injuries by Top 35 Aircraft Makes')
plt.xlabel('Aircraft Make')
plt.ylabel('Total Fatal Injuries')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, fontsize=10, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



## Bar chart showing Total Fatal Injuries by Top 35 Make-Model Combinations

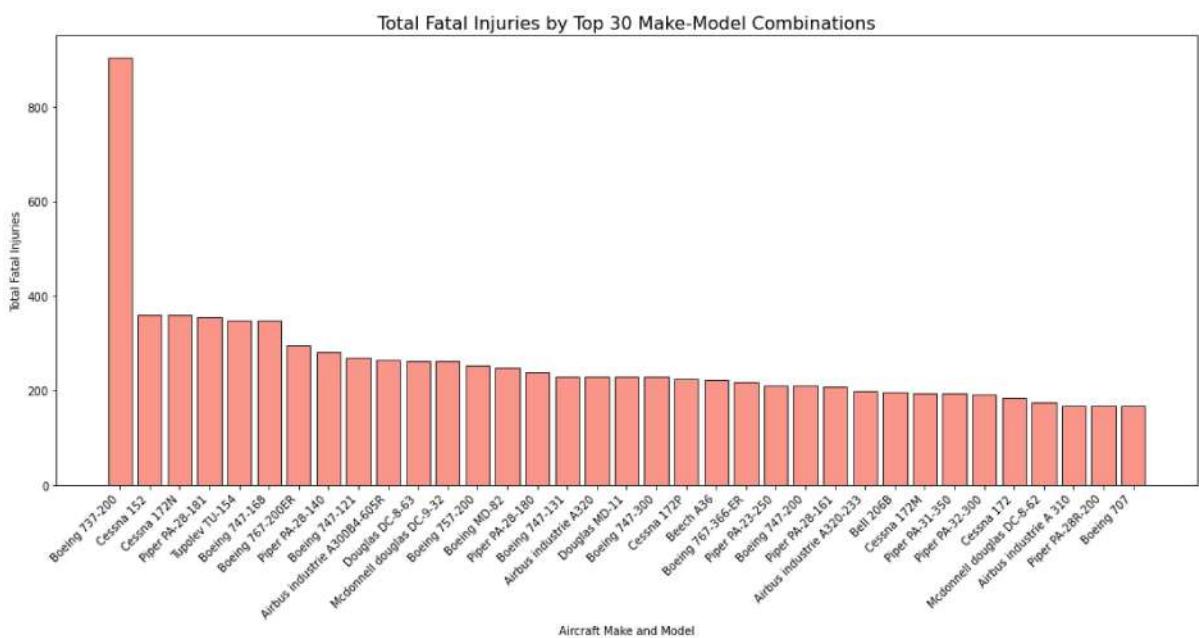
```
In [58]: # Group by 'make_model' and sum the total fatal injuries
make_model_fatal_injuries = (avi_df_clean.groupby('make_model')['totalfatal_injuries']
                                .sum()
                                .sort_values(ascending=False)
                                .reset_index())

# Extract the top 35 make-model combinations with the highest total fatal injuries
top_35_make_model_fatal = make_model_fatal_injuries.head(35)

# Plotting the bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
plt.bar(top_35_make_model_fatal['make_model'], top_35_make_model_fatal['totalfatal_injuries'],
        color='salmon', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Customizing the plot
plt.title('Total Fatal Injuries by Top 30 Make-Model Combinations', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Aircraft Make and Model')
plt.ylabel('Total Fatal Injuries')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



## **Aircraft Models to Avoid by Make since they have a high fatality count**

### **Boeing**

- 737-200, 747-168, 747-121, 747-131, 747-200, 747-300, 757-200, 767-200ER, 767-366-ER, 707

### **Cessna**

- 152, 172, 172N, 172M, 172P

### **Piper**

- PA-28-140, PA-28-161, PA-28-180, PA-28-181, PA-28R-200, PA-31-350, PA-32-300, PA-23-250

### **Airbus Industrie**

- A300B4-605R, A320, A320-233,A310

### **Tupolev**

- TU-154

### **Douglas**

- DC-8-63, DC-8-62, MD-11

### **McDonnell Douglas**

- DC-9-32, MD-82

### **Beech**

- A36

### **Bell**

- 206B

## Top 20 total serious injuries by make

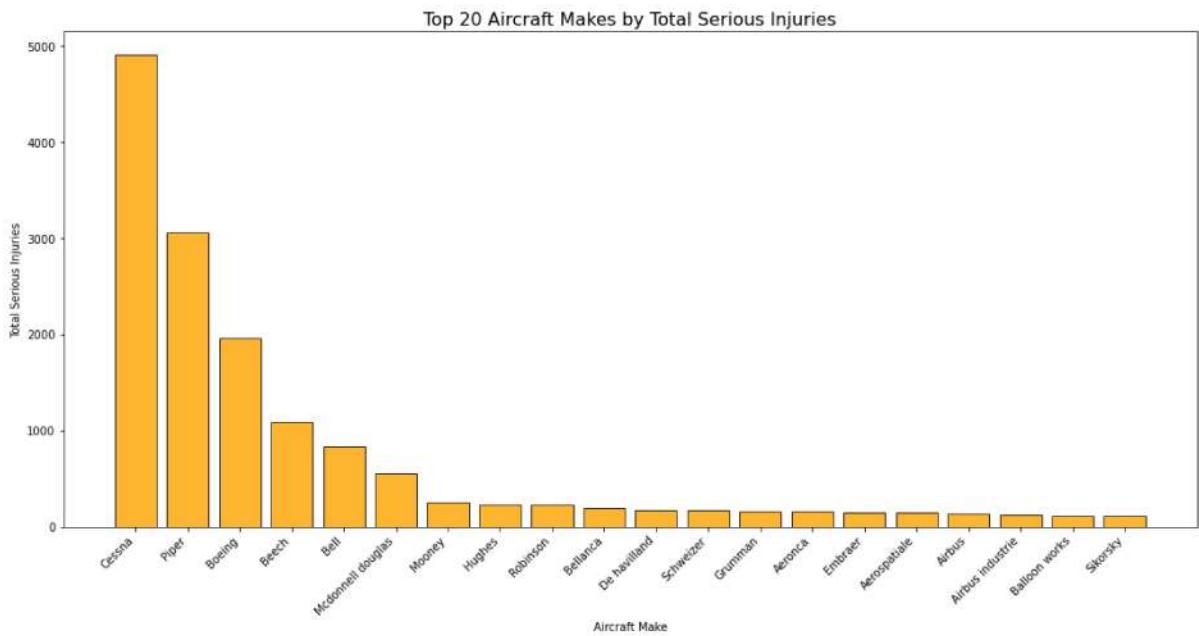
```
In [59]: # Group by 'make' and sum the total serious injuries
make_serious_injuries = (avi_df_clean.groupby('make')['total_serious_injuries']
                           .sum()
                           .sort_values(ascending=False)
                           .reset_index())

# Extract the top 20 makes with the highest total serious injuries
top_20_makes_serious = make_serious_injuries.head(20)

# Plotting the bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
plt.bar(top_20_makes_serious['make'], top_20_makes_serious['total_serious_injuries'],
        color='orange', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Customizing the plot
plt.title('Top 20 Aircraft Makes by Total Serious Injuries', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Aircraft Make')
plt.ylabel('Total Serious Injuries')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, fontsize=10, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



## Top 20 total serious injuries by make and model

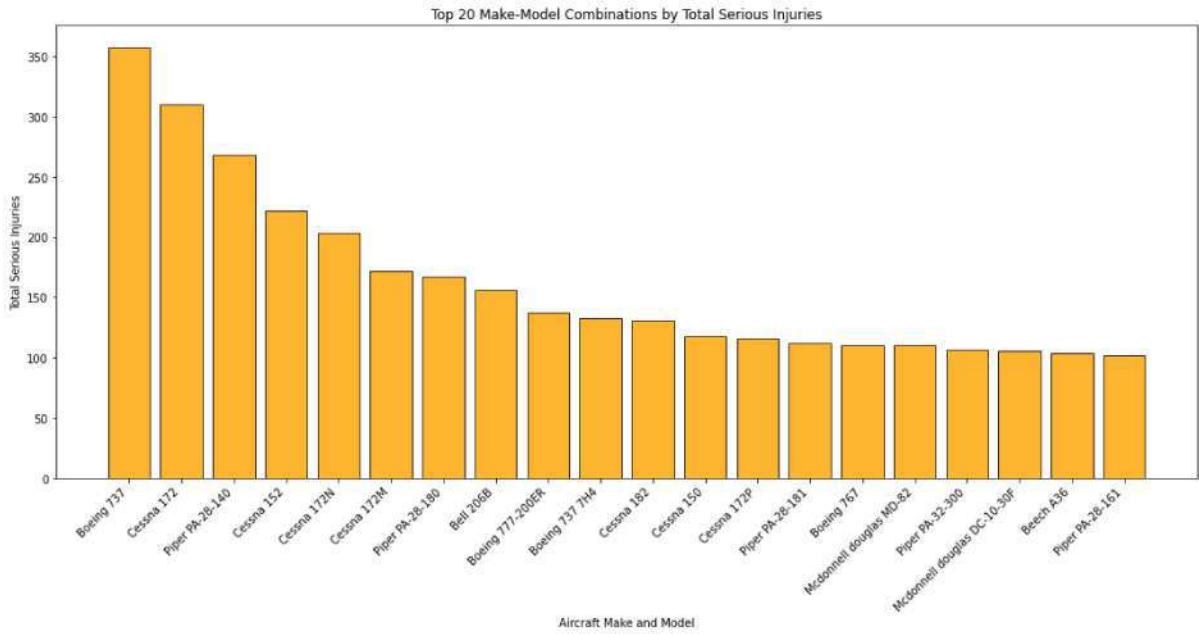
```
In [60]: # Group by 'make_model' and sum the total serious injuries
make_model_serious_injuries = (avi_df_clean.groupby('make_model')['total_serious_injuries']
                                .sum()
                                .sort_values(ascending=False)
                                .reset_index())

# Extract the top 20 make-model combinations with the highest total serious injuries
top_20_make_model_serious = make_model_serious_injuries.head(20)

# Plotting the bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
plt.bar(top_20_make_model_serious['make_model'], top_20_make_model_serious['total_serious_injuries'],
        color='orange', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Customizing the plot
plt.title('Top 20 Make-Model Combinations by Total Serious Injuries')
plt.xlabel('Aircraft Make and Model')
plt.ylabel('Total Serious Injuries')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



The above aircraft makes and models should be avoided at all cost, they still appear under aircraft Models and makes to Avoid by Total Fatal injuries.

## Bar chart showing Count of accidents by engine type

```
In [61]: # Group by 'engine_type' and count the number of accidents
engine_type_counts = avi_df_clean['engine_type'].value_counts()

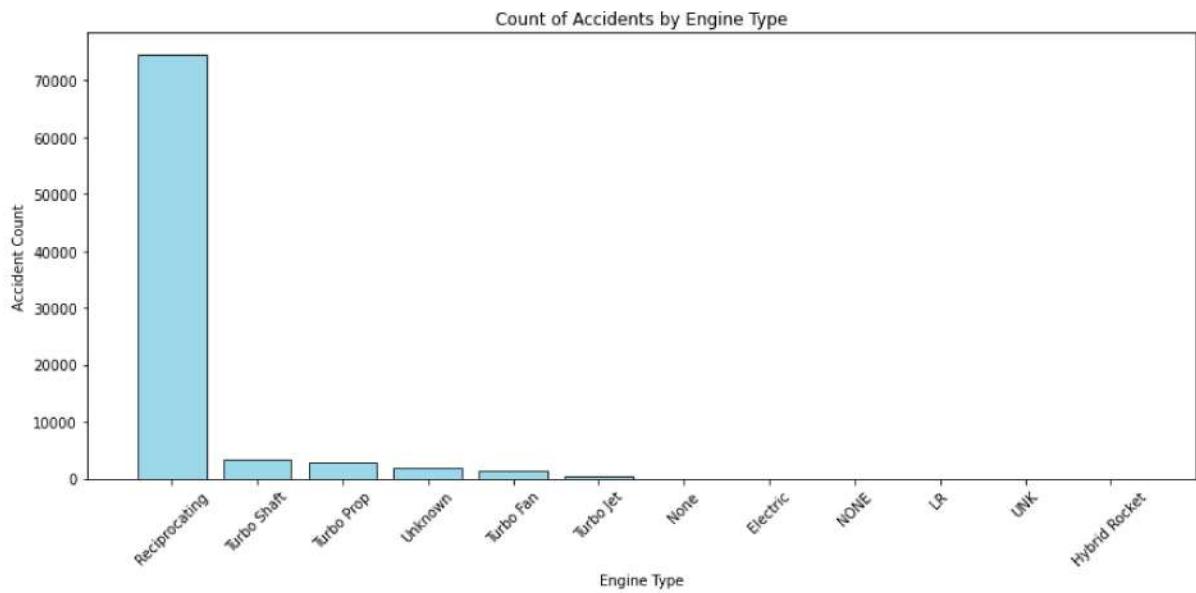
# Sorting the values in descending order
engine_type_counts = engine_type_counts.sort_values(ascending=False)

# Plotting the bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.bar(engine_type_counts.index, engine_type_counts.values, color='skyblue',
        edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Adding titles and labels
plt.title('Count of Accidents by Engine Type')
plt.xlabel('Engine Type')
plt.ylabel('Accident Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)

# Adjust Layout for better visibility
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



## Insights from the Bar Chart: Engine Types and Accident Counts

### Key Finding:

Aircraft equipped with **Reciprocating engines** have the **highest count of accidents** compared to other engine types.

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## Focus on Major Engine Types in Commercial Aviation

The chart highlights accident counts across the **four major engine types** commonly found in commercial airplanes:

### 1. Reciprocating Engines

- Highest accident count, signaling the need for deeper analysis and improved safety measures.

### 2. Turbo Shaft Engines

- Typically found in helicopters; exhibits a moderate level of accident occurrences.

### 3. Turbo Prop Engines

- Used in smaller regional aircraft; shows lower accident counts compared to reciprocating engines.

### 4. Turbo Fan Engines

- Found in large commercial jets; demonstrates a relatively low accident rate, reflecting advanced safety standards.
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## Takeaway:

This data emphasizes the need for targeted safety measures and maintenance practices, particularly for **reciprocating engine aircraft**, to reduce accident rates.

## Bar chart showing the count of accidents grouped by number of engines:

```
In [62]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Group by 'number_of_engines' and count the number of accidents
engine_count_accidents = avi_df_clean['number_of_engines'].value_counts()

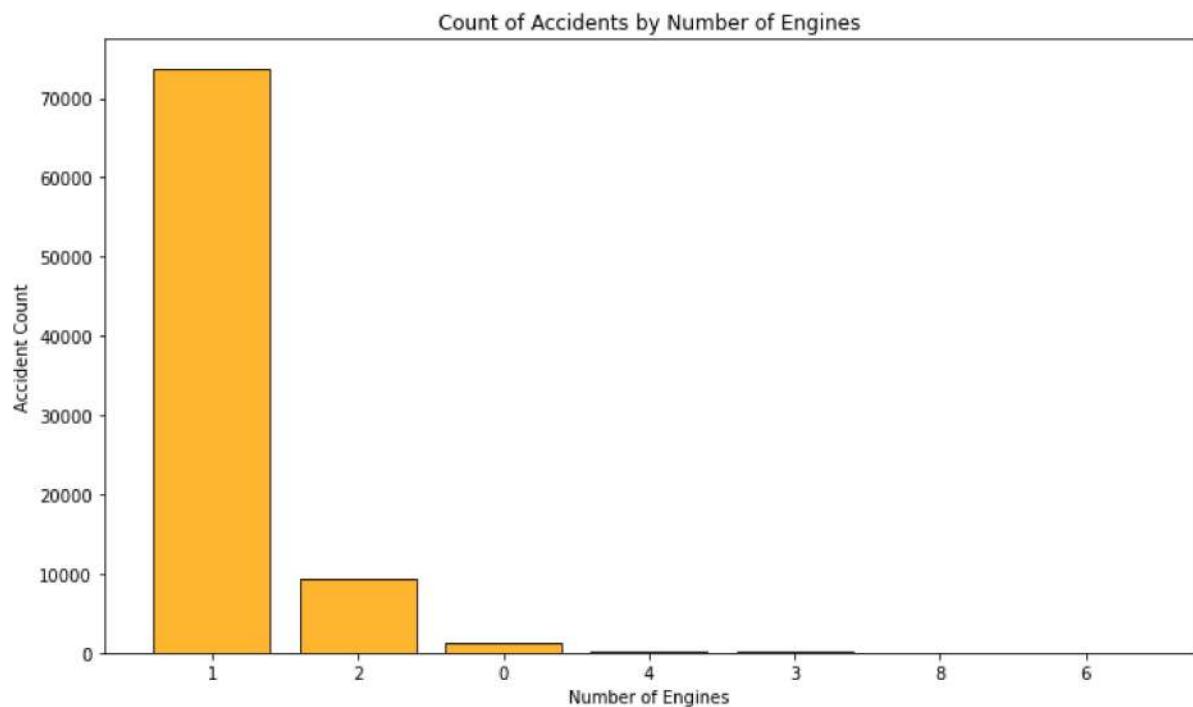
# Sorting the values in descending order
engine_count_accidents = engine_count_accidents.sort_values(ascending=False)

# Plotting the bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.bar(engine_count_accidents.index.astype(str), engine_count_accidents.values, color='orange', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Adding titles and labels
plt.title('Count of Accidents by Number of Engines')
plt.xlabel('Number of Engines')
plt.ylabel('Accident Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=0)

# Adjust Layout for better visibility
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



The above bar chart shows that most aircrafts with only one engine have the highest number of accidents.

## Bar charts showing the accident counts by make & model engine type

```
In [63]: # List of engine types I am interested in
engine_types = ['Reciprocating', 'Turbo Shaft', 'Turbo Prop', 'Turbo Fan']

# Create a figure with multiple subplots (one for each engine type)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(16, 12))

# Flatten the axes array for easier indexing
axes = axes.flatten()

# Loop through each engine type and plot the top 30 make_model combinations
for i, engine_type in enumerate(engine_types):
    # Filter rows based on the engine type
    engine_df = avi_df_clean[avi_df_clean['engine_type'] == engine_type]

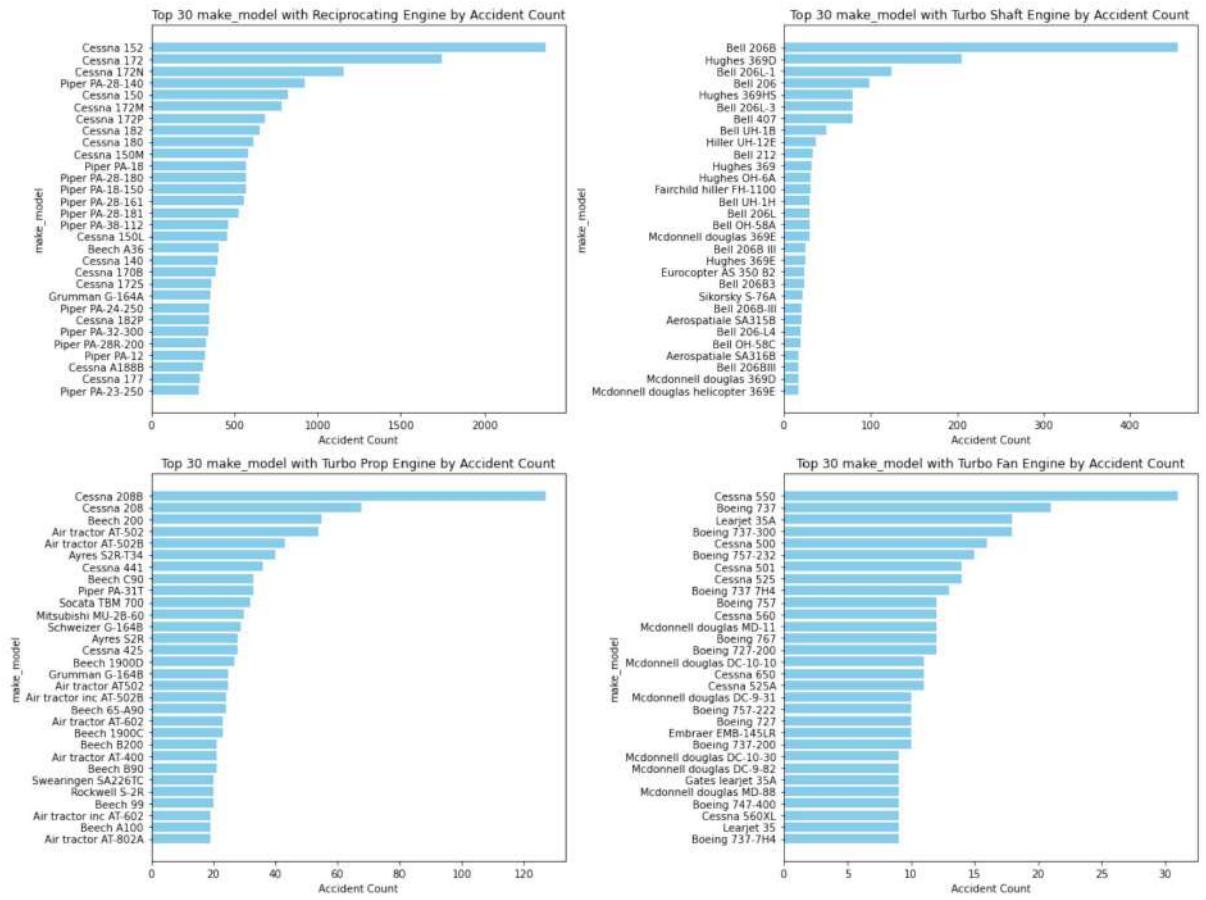
    # Group by make_model and count the number of accidents
    make_model_engine_count = engine_df.groupby('make_model').size().reset_index(name='accident_count')

    # Sort by accident count in descending order and get the top 20 make_model combinations
    top_30_engine_make_model = make_model_engine_count.sort_values(by='accident_count', ascending=False).head(30)

    # Plotting the bar chart for the current engine type
    axes[i].barh(top_30_engine_make_model['make_model'], top_30_engine_make_model['accident_count'], color='skyblue')
    axes[i].set_title(f'Top 30 make_model with {engine_type} Engine by Accident Count')
    axes[i].set_xlabel('Accident Count')
    axes[i].set_ylabel('make_model')
    axes[i].invert_yaxis() # Invert y-axis to show the make_model with the highest count at the top

    # Adjust Layout
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



# **Recommended Aircraft by Engine Type Based on Lowest Accident Counts**

Based on the bar charts, the following aircraft makes and models are recommended for purchase, as they have the least number of accidents for their respective engine types:

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## **Reciprocating Engine**

- Piper PA-23-250
- Cessna 177
- Piper PA-32-300

## **Turbo Shaft Engine**

- McDonnell Douglas Helicopter 369E
- Bell 206BIII
- Sikorsky S-76A

## **Turbo Prop Engine**

- Beech 99
- Cessna 425

## **Turbo Fan Engine**

- Cessna 560XL
- Boeing 737-7H4
- Boeing 747-400
- McDonnell Douglas DC-9-82
- McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30
- Boeing 757-222
- Cessna 525A
- Boeing 767

## Bar charts showing the accident counts by make & model number of engines

```
In [64]: # List of engine counts I am interested in
engine_counts = [1, 2, 3]

# Create a figure with multiple subplots (one for each engine count)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6))

# Flatten the axes array for easier indexing
axes = axes.flatten()

# Loop through each engine count and plot the top 20 make_model combinations
for i, engine_count in enumerate(engine_counts):
    # Filter rows based on the number of engines
    engine_df = avi_df_clean[avi_df_clean['number_of_engines'] == engine_count]

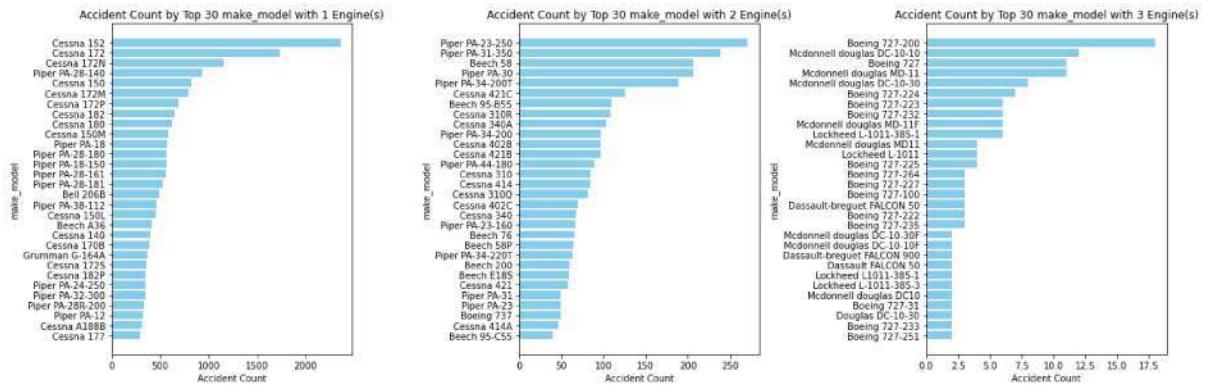
    # Group by make_model and count the number of accidents
    make_model_engine_count = engine_df.groupby('make_model').size().reset_index(name='accident_count')

    # Sort by accident count in descending order and get the top 30 make_model combinations
    top_30_engine_make_model = make_model_engine_count.sort_values(by='accident_count', ascending=False).head(30)

    # Plotting the bar chart for the current engine count
    axes[i].barh(top_30_engine_make_model['make_model'], top_30_engine_make_model['accident_count'], color='skyblue')
    axes[i].set_title(f'Accident Count by Top 30 make_model with {engine_count} Engine(s)')
    axes[i].set_xlabel('Accident Count')
    axes[i].set_ylabel('make_model')
    axes[i].invert_yaxis() # Inverting the y-axis to show the make_model with the highest count at the top

    # Adjust layout
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```



## Recommended Aircraft by Engine Number Based on Lowest Accident Counts

Based on the bar charts, the following aircraft makes and models are recommended for purchase, as they have the **least number of accidents** for their respective engine configurations:

### Single Engine Aircraft

- Piper PA-24-250
- Cessna 177
- Piper PA-32-300

### Twin Engine Aircraft

- Cessna 414A
- Piper PA-31

### Triple Engine Aircraft

- Boeing 727-251
- Douglas DC-10-30

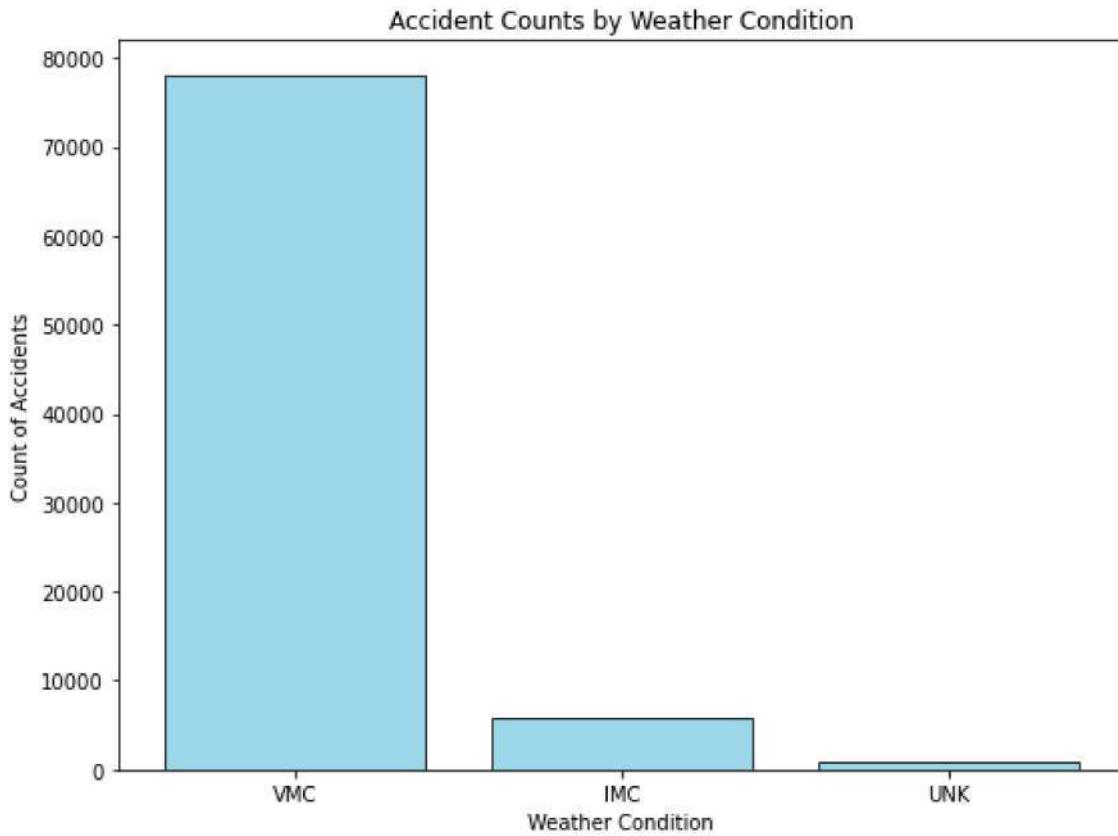
## Bar charts showing accident counts based on two weather conditions

```
In [65]: # Count occurrences of each weather condition
weather_counts = avi_df_clean['weather_condition'].value_counts()

# Plotting the bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.bar(weather_counts.index, weather_counts.values, color='skyblue', edgecolor='black', alpha=0.8)

# Adding titles and labels
plt.title('Accident Counts by Weather Condition')
plt.xlabel('Weather Condition')
plt.ylabel('Count of Accidents')

# Displaying the chart
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



The graph above highlights that most occurrences involve Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC), with significantly fewer cases for Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC).

# Conclusions

## Recommendations

Based on the analysis conducted, the following recommendations are proposed for the business:

1. **Focus on Low-Risk Aircraft:** Prioritize purchasing aircraft models and makes with lower accident counts and minimal severe outcomes, such as fatalities or serious injuries, which aligns with the goal of reducing operational risks. They are the following:

## Models to Consider (Lower Accident Counts)

Aircraft models with lower accident counts are recommended for safer operations.

- **Cessna Models:**

- T210L, 208B, P210N, 182A

- **Piper Models:**

- PA-22-108, PA-32R-301T

- **Beech Models:**

- A23-24 , 95-C55

- **Boeing Models:**

- 747-422

- **Bell Models:**

- 430, 222

- **Gulfstream Models:**

- 550, 680T, 500S

- **Airbus Models:**

- 330, 321, A319-132, A321-211, AS-350

1. **Engine Type and Configuration:** Invest in aircraft with reliable engine configurations, such as those with turbo-prop & turbo-fan engines, as these were associated with consistent safety records in the analysis. They are the following:

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## Based on engine type

### Reciprocating Engine

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- Cessna 177
- Piper PA-32-300

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- McDonnell Douglas Helicopter 369E
- Bell 206BIII
- Sikorsky S-76A

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- Boeing 747-400
- McDonnell Douglas DC-9-82
- McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30
- Boeing 757-222
- Cessna 525A
- Boeing 767

# **Based on number of Engine(s)**

## **Single Engine Aircraft**

- Piper PA-24-250
- Cessna 177
- Piper PA-32-300

## **Twin Engine Aircraft**

- Cessna 414A
- Piper PA-31

## **Triple Engine Aircraft**

- Boeing 727-251
- Douglas DC-10-30

**1. Operational Planning:** Develop operational strategies that favor Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC), as these conditions have significantly fewer accidents compared to Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC).

## **Limitations**

While the analysis provides actionable insights, there are some limitations to consider:

- Missing or inconsistent data, such as unknown weather conditions or incomplete records, could impact the accuracy of the findings.
- External factors, such as pilot experience, maintenance records, or geographical considerations, aircraft year of manufacture were not recorded.

## **Next Steps**

To further improve this project and provide more robust recommendations, I suggest that one should:

1. Include additional variables like pilot experience, aircraft age & year of manufacture, and maintenance history to better understand their impact on safety.
2. Use a more recent and comprehensive dataset to capture trends in modern aviation safety.
3. Use machine learning models to predict the likelihood of accidents based on aircraft features and operational conditions.