AVIATION RISK ANALYSIS FOR STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION



Executive Summary

- •Objective: Identify low-risk aircraft models based on historical accident data.
- •Data Source: NTSB aviation accident data (1990–2023).
- •Key Deliverables:
 - Trends in aviation accidents.
 - Aircraft models with lower fatality and severe damage rates.
 - Strategic recommendations for fleet acquisition.



Business Objective

- •Support the company's entry into aviation through data-driven fleet selection.
- •Minimize operational and insurance risks.
- •Invest in aircraft models with historically safer profiles.

Approach & Data Overview

- •Dataset: 70,000+ records from NTSB covering 1962–2023.
- •Filtered Scope:
 - Accidents (not incidents).
 - Events from 1985onward.
 - · Excluded amateur-built aircraft.
- •Methods:
 - Data cleaning and standardization.
 - Risk metric calculation:
 - Fatal accident rate.
 - Severe damage rate.



KEYMETRICS DEFINED

•FATAL ACCIDENT RATE (%):

Percentage of accidents that resulted in fatalities for a given aircraft model.

•SEVERE DAMAGE RATE (%):

Percentage of accidents where the aircraft sustained substantial or destroyed damage.

•COMBINED RISK PROFILE:

Aircraft evaluated on both metrics for balanced safety assessment.





AVIATION ACCIDENT TRENDS (1990–2023)

Gradual decline in accidents from 1990 to mid-2010s. Accident rate stabilizing in recent years.



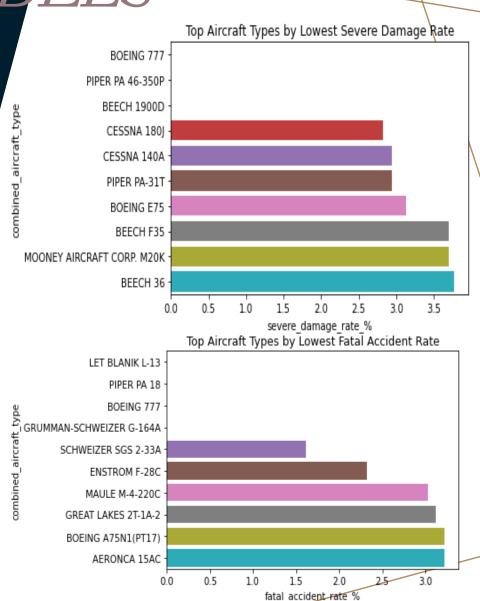
RISK BY AIRCRAFT MODELS

•Certain Models Consistently Demonstrated Lower Fatality And Severe Damage Rates.

•Models With 25+ Recorded Accidents Analyzed For Reliability.

EXAMPLES OF LOW-RISK AIRCRAFT:

- •CESSNA 172S
- •PIPER PA-28-161
- •BEECHCRAFT G36 BONANZA



RISK COMPARISON: FATALITY VS SEVERE DAMAGE

- •Strong variation in risk profiles between models.
- •Some aircraft are low in both fatal and severe damage rates.

(Insert Scatter Plot: Fatal Accident Rate vs Severe Damage Rate)

Key Insight:

•Not all commonly flown aircraft are equally safe.

Key Findings

- •Accident trends: Decreasing then stabilizing post-2010.
- •Model risk variation: Wide differences even within popular makes.
- •Low-risk candidates identified: Certain Cessna, Piper, and Beechcraft models outperform peers.
- •Limitation: No normalization for flight exposure (flight hours).

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Prioritize Due Diligence on Low-Risk Models:
 - 1. Cessna 172S
 - 2. Piper PA-28-161
 - 3. Beechcraft G36 Bonanza
- 2. Exercise Caution:
 - 1. Conduct deeper review of models with high fatal or damage rates.
- 3. Incorporate Flight Hour Data:
 - 1. Normalize risk scores if possible before final fleet selection.

