

Commentary

Don't Fly In A Boeing Aircraft for Pete's Sake

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Well, consider this as a warning for your sake and for the sake of your family. Please don't fly in a Boeing aircraft. My advice will be asking the airlines what kind of aircraft they fly on that route before booking your trip.

Boeing has a rash of failures both related to its civilian and military equipment. Here is a compressive list of recent failures.

On March 8, 2014 Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared from the sky while flying from Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia to its planned destination, Beijing Capital International Airport in China. It has

not been determined what caused its disappearance or what happened to the aircraft. With all 227 passengers and 12 crew aboard presumed dead, the disappearance of Flight 370 was the deadliest incident involving a Boeing 777 and the deadliest in Malaysia Airlines' history.

On March 9, 2019, an Ethiopian Airlines 737 MAX crashed into a field outside of Addis Ababa, 6 minutes after takeoff. The Flight Data Recorder was examined as well as the Cockpit Voice Recorder. According to them, the pilots had followed all instructions and communicated the problems to Air traffic

control ATC and then everything was over. So, it was not a human error. It was the aircraft defect.

On January 5, 2024: Alaska Airlines Flight 1282, a 737 MAX 9 shortly after take-off, after the loss of incorrectly installed door plug. The aircraft returned to Portland and landed. Some on board sustained minor injuries, and there were no deaths. The type was subsequently grounded for nearly a month.[]

On Jan 7, 2024 the United Arab Emirates' civil aviation said they detected a technical malfunction on a U.S. Boeing 737 MAX 9. At the same time, the U.S. regulators temporarily grounded 171 Boeing 737 MAX 9 jetliners for safety checks following a cabin panel blowout that forced a new Alaska Airlines jet carrying passengers to make an emergency landing.

Those are some of the recent incidents. There are many more. The commercial crew vehicle, which Boeing developed for NASA to ferry astronauts to and from the space station, made its orbital uncrewed debut in December, lifting off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. But the craft failed to reach the orbiting laboratory due to a series of glitches and software issues.

At least five Boeing-made Patriot missiles apparently missed, malfunctioned, or otherwise failed when Saudi forces tried to intercept a barrage of rockets targeting Riyadh on March 25, 2023.

Boeing must shape up before I considering boarding a Boeing made plane in the future. In 1980s US made cars had similar reputation when Ford Pinto and GM's Nova were known as fireballs. Fortunately, they shaped up and are doing better. It's Boeing's turn now to turn over a new leaf.