

RIPSA Analysis: SAT Data

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Situation Awareness

Formal Definition: "the perception of the elements in the environment within a volume of time and space, the comprehension of their meaning, and the projection of their status in the near future"

Informal Explanation: There is some situation in the world, and then there is the person's perception and comprehension of that situation, plus associated shortterm projections. While a person's mental model matches the real-world situation, the person maintains situational awareness. Otherwise, situational awareness is degraded or lost. In either case, an operator's decisions are based on situational awareness.







Controller thinks AC1 is here Controller issues taxi clearance from that spot

Example Loss of Situation Awareness

AIRCRAFT 1 CONTACTED GROUND CONTROL REQUESTING TO TAXI. GC DID NOT KNOW THE AIRCRAFT POSITION AND ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR AIRCRAFT 1 TO TAXI VIA TAXIWAY R, TAXIWAY A AND HOLD SHORT OF RUNWAY 13L FOR A RUNWAY 13R AT TAXIWAY K DEPARTURE. THE PILOT READ BACK WAS CORRECT. AIRCRAFT 1 WAS PARKED AT THE FBO ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE AIRPORT AND TAXIED OUT ONTO RUNWAY 4 HEADING NORTHBOUND. GC ADVISED AIRCRAFT 1 THAT THEY WERE ON AN ACTIVE RUNWAY AND INSTRUCTED THEM TO TURN LEFT ON TAXIWAY GOLF

AC1 is actually here Pilot is not aware that R4 is active and taxis out looking for signs for taxiway R³and A

Contributing Factors to Situational Awareness



Factors that routinely contributed to pilots/ground operators' loss of situational awareness as cited in KSAT Runway Incursion data from 2009-2022



Calendar Year	All Airport	SAT									Sele	ected	Airp	orts								
	S		мсо	IAD	РНХ	MSP	IAH	SEA	CLT	LAS	FLL	ORD	DTW	LGA	LAX	EWR	JFK	BWI	SFO	BOS	SAN	DFW
2009	1085	12	3	9	7	9	4	7	8	10	7	11	11	3	10	8	6	4	9	11	1	16
2010	1216	14	2	3	8	4	6	18	11	7	7	14	5	2	16	4	7	4	11	12	0	17
2011	1314	15	5	7	4	7	10	6	172	7	12	22	4	1	20	5	7	4	13	11	1	6
2012	1397	6	1	5	9	12	3	5	9	6	13	24	9	9	27	12	4	10	12	10	2	13
2013	1580	11	4	3	9	12	2	7	16	19	6	24	16	4	26	7	7	10	6	14	5	4
2014	1630	9	5	7	26	3	6	12	23	10	5	18	9	13	33	19	18	9	13	12	3	21
2015	1870	9	3	11	16	12	14	11	23	28	7	47	18	13	27	6	14	4	19	21	2	22
2016	2324	13	5	4	4	32	15	17	11	17	4	38	28	9	33	7	5	8	26	15	3	29
2017	2416	27	2	5	6	29	5	21	33	15	11	22	39	11	30	14	9	9	22	32	3	20
2018	1792	15	3	7	12	14	13	17	19	24	5	25	12	9	26	9	4	9	27	25	4	11
'09-'18	1662 4	13 1	33	61	101	134	78	121	325	143	77	245	151	74	248	91	81	71	158	163	24	159
Source: ASI	AS, RWS																					

Table 1. Number of Runway Incursions, 2009-18



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YEAR	SAT	PD	OD	OE	VPD	ОТН	OI
2009	12	11	0	0	1	0	0
2010	14	14	0	0	0	0	0
2011	15	9	1	1	4	0	0
2012	6	5	0	0	0	0	1
2013	11	8	0	0	1	0	2
2014	9	6	0	0	1	0	2
2015	9	7	0	0	1	0	1
2016	13	11	0	0	1	0	1
2017	27	16	0	0	5	1	5
2018	15	13	0	0	0	0	2
'09-'18	131	100	1	1	14	1	14
# ops per year (from HEAT/ATADS)	173593	173593	173593	173593	173593	173593	173593
# RI/# Ops per vear	7.546E-04	5.761E-04	5.761E-06	5.761E-06	8.065E-05	5.761E-06	8.065E-05

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Table 2. Number of runway incursions at San Antonio Int'l from 2009-18, by incident type.

PD	Pilot Deviation
OD	Operational Deviation
OE	Operational Error
VPD	Vehicle/pedestrian Deviation
ОТН	Event does not meet OD/OE, PD, or VPD criteria
01	Operational Incident 6

Collision tally for towered and non-towered airport, 2009–18 (NOTE: Used data for event sequence 490 (collision during takeoff/landing), 320 (runway incursions) and 200 (ground collision)

Event Sequence	Towered	Non-Towered
Takeoff/Landing (490)	0	14
Runway Incursion (320)	0	2
Ground Collision (200)	0	8
Grand Total	0	24



Distribution of runway incursions by category, 2009-18

	SAI	
RI Category	# of RI	% of Total
Cat A	0	0
Cat B	1	0.76
Cat C	47	35.88
Cat D + "N/A"	75 + 8	63.36
Sum	131	100 %

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RI Category	# of RI	% of Total
Cat A	62	0.37
Cat B	62	0.37
Cat C	5588	33.62
Cat D + E + P + "N/A"	7563 +19 +4 +3326	65.64
Sum	16624	100 %



Runway Incursions due to Loss of Situational Awareness - SAT

- 112 out of 131 Runway Incursions* attributed to Loss of Situational Awareness by Operators
- On average, about 11.2 RIs per year
- Approximately 173k** operations per year (from ATADS)

RI Category	# of RI	Observed Occurrence Rate per 1M operations	
Cat A	0	0	Rate of Runway Incursions due to Loss of
Cat B	1	0.576	Situational Awareness (Category C)
Cat C	40	23.042	
Cat D + "N/A"	71	40.900	= 40 RIs per 10 years/1.73M ops per 10 yea
			= 23.042 RIs per million operations
Total	112	64.518	

*RI data comes from ASIAS RWS database for SAT over a 10-year period (2009-18) **Operations data comes from ATADS (1.735929M over 10 years)

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Likelihood Calculation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0.0002 & 0.008 & 0.125 & 0.20 \\ Likelihood = \left(\frac{Hazard\ Occurrences}{Exposure}\right) * \left(\frac{Events}{Hazard\ Occurrences}\right) * \left(\frac{Number\ of\ Events\ of\ Severity\ X}{Number\ of\ Events}\right) \end{array}$$

Risk Framework



SAT Runway Incursion Location Analysis



Questions and Discussion



Backup Slides



Baseline/Historical Analysis - risk of runway incursions at SAT* (using SAT RI data and SAT severity distribution)

Hazard: Loss of Situational Awareness (pilot/vehicle operator)

112 RIs over a 10-year period (2009-18) On average, about 11.2 RIs per year (Runway Incursions at SAT associated with the hazard)

Over 173k** operations per year (from ATADS) Severity Distribution – based on ASIAS RI data for SAT

Likelihood by Severity Category (using severity distribution from SAT)

Severity	Historical Risk	
s1	Medium:1E (0)	Severity $1 \rightarrow 0$
s2	Medium:2E (0)	Severity $2 \rightarrow C$ Severity $3 \rightarrow C$
s3	Medium:3C (5.7422e-7)	Severity 4 → C
s4	Medium:4B (2.3046e-5)	Severity 5 🗲 C
s5	Low:5B (4.0898e-5)	





Low to Medium Risk



Baseline/Historical Analysis - risk of runway incursions at SAT* (using SAT RI data and NAS-wide towered airports severity distribution)

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Likelihood by Severity Category (using severity distribution from NAS towered airports)

Severity	Historical Risk	
s1	Medium:1E (0)	Severity 1 → Collision***
s2	High:2C (2.3872e-7)	Severity 2 🗲 CAT A RI
s3	Medium:3C (2.3872e-7)	Severity 3 → CAT B RI
s4	Medium:4B (2.1691e-5)	Severity 5 → CAT D RI + "
s5	Low:5B (4.235e-5)	



Medium to High Risk



CAT D RI + "N/A"

Risk Matrix

Severity distribution used for runway incursion analysis (2009-18 data)

RI Category	# of RI	% of Total	Equivalent Severity Category	RI Category	# of RI	% of Total	Equivalent Severity Category
		0	1			0	1
Cat A	0	0	2	Cat A	62	0.37	2
Cat B	1	0.89	3	Cat B	62	0.37	3
Cat C	40	35.72	4	Cat C	5588	33.62	4
Cat D + "N/A"	66 + 5	63.39	5	Cat D + E + P + "N/A"	7563 +19 +4 +3326	65.64	5
Sum	112	100 %		Sum	16624	100 %	

NAS - Towered

SOURCE: RI data comes from ASIAS RWS database

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