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A320

A few days ago the A320 celebrated it's 50.000.000 take-off and the five billionth passenger since the introduction of this model in 1988. On the other side there were 9 hull losses with fatalities. So every 5.555.555 take offs there is one crash. If cars would have a crash for every 5 555 555 turns of the key, streets would be a much safer place.

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp in Aviation, English at 16:19

If car as drivers were as responsible as airline pilots, streets would be a much safer place...
Anonymous on Jun 25 2010, 07:44

Hmm, do you think you are right here?

In Germany there are about 50M "key turns" per day (source: <http://www.spiegel.de/auto/aktuell/0,1518,449816,00.html>) and about 4500 fatalities (I assume as an upper limit that this is also the number of accidents with fatalities although this number will be lower).

With these number I arrive at about 4.3M key turns per death which I think is a very interesting result. Just because there are so many more movements the result is in the very same ball park...

Of course this is a little bit of comparing apples with oranges, pears, strawberries, but still interesting.
Anonymous on Jun 25 2010, 09:15