### Top 3 take away points

 An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure



Reducing angle-of-attack is THE most important pilot action to an upset

 Pilot upset training in simulators must account for their limitations



### Principal conclusions Introduction

 Although rare, loss-of-control is the #1 cause of fatalities in worldwide jet fleet

# Principal conclusions Background

- Frequent factors in LOC-I are
  - lack of external references
  - lack of effective monitoring
  - lack of effective alerting
  - poor crew resource management

### Principal conclusions Worldwide rules and guidance

 Starting in 2019, all scheduled operators in the United States must train their pilots to prevent and recover from upsets

### Principal conclusions Academic upset training

 Stalls in a commercial transport can be considerably different than those in a general aviation trainer

# Principal conclusions Simulator upset training

- Push
- Roll
- Power
- Stabilize

### Principal conclusions On-aircraft upset training

 Real world training can teach you a lot about surprise and startle

## Principal conclusions Instructor requirements

 Instructors need to understand simulator limitations and help bridge the gap to the real aircraft

## Principal conclusions Training limitations

 Academic, simulator, and on-airplane upset training each has limitations – again, the instructor must convey and account for them

### Principal conclusions Putting it all together

- Academics teaches <u>why</u> push, roll, power, stabilize
- Simulator <u>reinforces</u> that push, roll, power, stabilize <u>works</u>
- On-airplane <u>confirms that you can apply</u> push, roll, power, stabilize when surprised or startled

- 1. In the U.S., does upset training require using a simulator, and if so, how complex?
  - A. Yes, a motion full flight simulator must be used (Level C or Level D)
  - B. Yes, a fixed-base device can be used as long as it stalls like the airplane
  - C. No, academic and on-airplane training can replace simulator training
  - D. No, simulator training is helpful, but not required

- 2. Can most of today's simulators teach full stall training?
  - A. Yes
  - B. Yes, as long as you don't perform accelerated stalls
  - C. No, the stall aerodynamics and buffet are typically inadequate
  - D. No, simulators will never be used for full stall training. On-aircraft training is necessary for that

- Reducing angle of attack is the most important pilot action to recover from a stall because it
  - A. Allows the wings to regain lift
  - B. Really minimizes the loss of altitude
  - C. Disconnects the auto-flight system
  - D. Decreases power to the engines

- 4. To recover from a stick pusher activation, a pilot must
  - A. Compensate by pulling back on the yoke/stick
  - B. Release pressure and allow the pusher to reduce angle of attack
  - C. Apply nose-up elevator to minimize the altitude loss
  - D. Use wheel and rudder to keep wings level and sideslip near zero

- 5. To recover from a stall, a pilot should first
  - A. Apply full thrust
  - B. Level the wings
  - C. Engage the autopilot and autothrottle
  - D. Reduce angle of attack with forward yoke/stick

- 6. Why is minimizing loss of altitude no longer part of stall recovery?
  - A. Stalls are now occurring primarily at high altitude, so plenty of altitude is available for recovery
  - B. Stalls arise from too high an angle of attack, and minimizing altitude loss is not related to the prime objective of reducing the angle of attack
  - C. Because the auto-flight system will maintain the altitude during the recovery
  - D. Because if you follow the stall recovery template properly, you will minimize the loss of altitude

7. True or false: An activation of a stick pusher is considered a fully stalled condition

- 8. How long should a pilot apply nose-down pitch control in a stall recovery?
  - A. Until the stick shaker activates
  - B. Until the stall warning is eliminated
  - C. Until thrust is applied
  - D. Until the wings are leveled

- 9. An upset is defined as
  - A. Nose up pitch less than 25 degrees
  - B. Pitch attitude below the horizon
  - C. Bank more than 60 degrees
  - D. Airspeed inappropriate for the flight condition

- 10. A technique to recover from a nose-high stall is to roll into a steady bank. What is the bank angle guidance?
  - A. Less than 30 degrees
  - B. Between 30 and 60 degrees
  - C. Between 60 and 90 degrees
  - D. Greater than 90 degrees

11. True or false: To reduce the risk of negative transfer of training, instructors must understand the limitations of flight simulators

- 12. A stall in a commercial transport aircraft may be recognized by
  - A. A pitch, or g, break along with a possible roll-off
  - B. A deterrent amount of buffeting
  - C. Reaching an aft control stop for 2 secs with no more increase in pitch, leading to a high descent rate
  - D. All of the above

- 13. The stall speed at 0g is
  - A. 0 kts
  - B. Approximately one half of the 1g stall speed
  - C. Stall speed does not depend on g
  - D. Approximately twice the 1g stall speed

- 14. Using the rudder in an upset recovery can be problematic because
  - A. An airplane is not certified to be able to withstand full pedal deflection
  - B. An airplane is not certified to withstand the loads arising from back-and-forth pedal inputs
  - C. Applying rudder makes the yaw damper ineffective
  - D. Rudder becomes ineffective in an upset

#### 15. Which of the following is false

- A. If your pitch and thrust are not limited, you can control to any flightpath and speed in the operational flight envelope
- B. If your thrust is fixed or limited, you can control flightpath with pitch without stalling only if you fly faster than the maximum L/D speed
- C. If your thrust is fixed or limited, you can control flightpath with pitch without stalling only if you fly slower than the maximum L/D speed
- D. If your thrust is fixed or limited, you can control your speed with pitch when flying slower than the maximum L/D speed

- 16. Technology in modern airplanes reduces workload. Therefore, in an upset the pilot should:
  - A. Verify that the autopilot and autothrottles are still engaged
  - B. Engage the autopilot and autothrottles if disengaged
  - C. Reduce the level of automation by disengaging the autopilot and autothrottle
  - D. Ask the other pilot "What is it doing now?"

#### 17. Which of the following is true

- A. In the typical inverted upset, angle of attack is negative
- B. When inverted, a split-S maneuver is preferred only if you have sufficient altitude to complete it
- C. When inverted, after disengaging the autoflight systems, unloading is the next proper action
- D. When inverted, using rudder is acceptable, since the ailerons are obviously ineffective when upside down

- 18. The stall is fundamentally defined by
  - A. Angle of attack, load factor, and speed
  - B. Angle of attack, Mach number, and configuration
  - C. Bank angle, speed, and load factor
  - D. Gross weight, altitude, and load factor

19. True or false: The stall recovery technique is altitude dependent, as reducing angle of attack when low could result in an accident

- 20. When should an upset recovery be initiated
  - A. Only when pitch or bank reaches its limit values
  - B. Only when the airspeed is rapidly increasing or decreasing
  - C. Whenever an unintentional excessive divergence from the intended flightpath or airspeed occurs
  - D. After an uncommanded autopilot or autothrottle disconnect