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**AIRSAFE.COM AND RELIABLE COMPLEX SYSTEMS ON LAST
WEEKEND'S MISSILE ATTACK ON AN AIRLINER**

Seattle, WA, November 25, 2003 - Last weekend's successful attack on an airliner using a portable surface to air missile is an ominous development, but this danger has to be kept in perspective. After this latest attack, the chance of another missile attack will likely go up, but airplanes flying today are already designed and approved to withstand many different types of impact events and land safely.

Modern commercial airliners, like the one struck last week and like the ones most passengers would use, are designed to keep flying to a safe landing after an engine loses power, after most system failures, and even after an engine problem causes fan blades, or other engine parts to strike the aircraft at high speed. Airplane design requirements anticipated a certain amount of damage due to high kinetic energy impacts such as loose fan blades or even high velocity bird impacts. For example, large airliners are required by the FAA to be able to safely complete a flight after sustaining an impact of up to an eight pound (3.6 kg) bird.

The most recent edition of the AirSafe Journal (airsafe.com/asj.htm) provides details of the most recent missile attack as well as resources on the threat posed by portable surface to air missiles. Reliable Complex Systems and AirSafe.com are also working together to assess the threats against commercial airliners and commercial airports. To find out more about how Reliable Complex Systems and AirSafe.com can help you understand or deal with these emerging threats, feel free to contact us.

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