

The FAA Has Certified the 737 MAX Is Safe to Fly

How the Initial Software Design Worked

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All commercial jetliners must have smooth handling characteristics in all flight conditions.

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To achieve this on the 737 MAX, Boeing introduced a new flight control software feature called MCAS.

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The software relied on input from a **single sensor** to monitor the angle of the airplane in flight.

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In two accidents, the sensor gave incorrect information to the software. 5

The software

activated repeatedly

because of the
incorrect information.

Enhancements and Increased Scrutiny Led to Return to Service



"I am 100% confident in the actions that we have taken, the design changes that have been put in place with the 737 MAX. I would put my own family on it."

Steve Dickson U.S. FAA Administrator



Updated

MCAS now compares input from **two sensors** before activating.
MCAS **will not** activate if the sensors disagree.



Controlled

MCAS will only activate **once**, and pilots can always **counter** MCAS by pulling on the control column.



Tested

More than 4,400 hours of **testing** included more than 1,350 **flights**.



Trained

Every pilot will complete **additional training** with enhanced information and procedures before flying the 737 MAX.



Verified

Boeing met all requirements and the FAA has verified the airplane is safe and ready to return to commercial service.