# Runway Length Calculations Aircraft with Takeoff Weights less than 60,000 lbs

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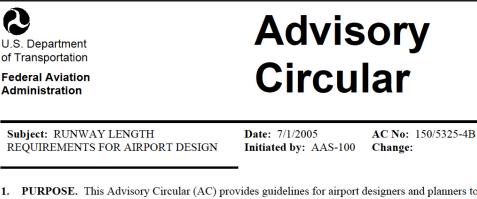
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# Runway Design Assumptions (FAA 150/5325-4b)

- For Aircraft with maximum takeoff weights less than 60,000 consult **Chapters 2 and 3 of the FAA AC 150/5325-4B**
- The procedures in the advisory circular also assume:
- No wind conditions
- Zero runway gradient
- Dry runway conditions
- Data is corrected to account for humidity



1. **PURPOSE**. This Advisory Circular (AC) provides guidelines for airport designers and planners to determine recommended runway lengths for new runways or extensions to existing runways.

# **Critical Design Aircraft**

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- The individual aircraft that requires the longest runway length
- Federal funding requirements imply the critical aircraft should be used at least for **250 landings and 250 takeoffs** (or 500 itinerant operations)
- Weight categories used in airport runway length design:
  - Small airplane (MTOW < 12,500 lb. or < 5,670 kg)
  - Large airplane MTOW > 12,500 lb. (5,670 kg) and < 60,000 lb. (27,273 kg)</li>
  - Regional jets (typically > 60,000 lb. (27,273 kg)
  - Commercial Airliners (typically > 110,000 lb.)



# **Steps in the Runway Length Procedure (5 steps)**

- 1. Identify the list of potential critical airplanes
- 2. Identify the weights of the critical aircraft and associated weight class
  - If the aircraft MTOW < 60,000 then the method used is based on a "Family Grouping of Airplanes"
  - If the aircraft MTOW >= 60,000 then the method used is based on an "Individual analysis"
  - Regional Jets use the second method even if their weight is below 60,000 lb.
- 3. Use Table 1-1 and the critical aircraft in step 2 to decide on the recommended method for runway length required

# **Steps in the Runway Length Procedure (5 steps)**

Airplane Weight Category Maximum Certificated Takeoff Weight (MTOW)		Design Approach	Location of Design Guidelines	
12,500 pounds (5,670 kg)	Approach Speeds less than		Family grouping of	Chapter 2;
or less	30 knots		small airplanes	Paragraph 203
	Approach Speeds of at least 30 knots but less than 50 knots		Family grouping of small airplanes	Chapter 2; Paragraph 204
	Approach	With	Family grouping of	Chapter 2;
	Speeds of	Less than 10	small airplanes	Paragraph 205
	50 knots or	Passengers		Figure 2-1
	more	With	Family grouping of	Chapter 2;
		10 or more	small airplanes	Paragraph 205
		Passengers	_	Figure 2-2
Over 12,500 pounds (5,670 kg) but less than 60,000		Family grouping of large	Chapter 3;	
pounds (27,200 kg)		airplanes	Figures 3-1 or 3-2 <sup>1</sup>	
			and Tables 3-1 or 3-2	
60,000 pounds (27,200 kg) or more or Regional Jets <sup>2</sup>		Individual large airplane	Chapter 4; Airplane	
1 ( ) 3/ 3			Manufacturer Websites	
			(Appendix 1)	

Table 1-1. Airplane Weight Categorization for Runway Length Requirements

Note<sup>1</sup>: When the design airplane's APM shows a longer runway length than what is shown in figure 3-2, use the airplane manufacturer's APM. However, users of an APM are to adhere to the design guidelines found in Chapter 4.

Note<sup>2</sup>: All regional jets regardless of their MTOW are assigned to the 60,000 pounds (27,200 kg) or more weight category.

## Source: FAA 150/5325-4b



# **Steps in the Runway Length Procedure (5 steps)**

- 4. Select the recommended runway length from various runway lengths generated in step # 3
- 5. Apply adjustments (if applicable) to the runway length obtained in step # 4 for aircraft with maximum takeoff gross weights between 12,500 lbs and 60,000 lbs
  - Runway gradient
  - Wet pavement conditions



- Most airports require only one primary runway
- Primary runways are designed and oriented so that 95% of the time the design crosswind components are not exceeded (more later in the course)
- However, sometimes multiple primary runways are needed for:
  - Capacity reasons
  - To accommodate forecasted growth
  - To mitigate noise impacts
- Design objective for additional primary runways is contained in Table 1-2 of the FAA AC 150/5325-4b



# Table 1-2 in FAA AC 150/5325-4b

## Table 1-2. Runway Length for Additional Primary Runways

Runway Service Type, User	Runway Length for Additional Primary Runway Equals
Capacity Justification, Noise Mitigation, Regional Jet Service	100 % of the primary runway
Separating Airplane Classes - Commuter, Turboprop, General Aviation, Air Taxis	Recommended runway length for the less demanding airplane design group or individual design airplane



# Table 1-3 in FAA AC 150/5325-4b

Runway Service	Runway Length for Crosswind Runway Equals
	100 % of primary runway length
Scheduled <sup>1</sup>	when built for the same individual design airplane or
Such as Commercial Service Airports	airplane design group
I	that uses the primary runway
	100% of the recommended runway length determined
	for the lower crosswind capable airplanes
	using the primary runway
_	100% of the recommended runway length determined
Non-Scheduled <sup>2</sup>	for the lower crosswind capable airplanes
Such as General Aviation Airports	using the primary runway

#### Table 1-3. Runway Length for Crosswind Runway

Note<sup>1</sup>: Transport service operated over routes pursuant to published flight schedules that are openly advertised with dates or times (or both) or otherwise made readily available to the general public or pursuant to mail contracts with the U.S. Postal Service (Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation (DOT)).

Note<sup>2</sup>: Revenue flights, such as charter flights that are not operated in regular scheduled service, and all non-revenue flights incident to such flights (Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT). For Federally funded programs, such as AIP, there must be at least 500 annual itinerant operations and 100% of the class.



# Runway Length Based on Declared Distance Concept

- New runways are expected to be designed according to the principles of Tables 1-1 and 1-2 in the AC 150/5325-4b
- Existing runways sometimes do not meet all new safety criteria
- The **Declared Distance Concept** provides a rational procedure to improve such runways
- We discuss this procedure later in this course

# Runway Length for Small Aircraft with MTOW < 12,500 lb (5,670 kg)

- Inputs to the procedure:
- Critical aircraft
- Approach speed (30% above the stalling speed)
- Number of passenger seats
- Airport elevation above mean sea level
- Mean daily maximum temperature of the hottest month of the year
- Use Figures 2-1 and 2-2 in AC 150/5325-4b
- No adjustment for runway gradient or wet pavement (e.g., landing performance)

# Small Airplanes with Approach Speeds < 30 knots

- This group includes ultralight aircraft
- Recommended runway 300 feet (92 meters) at mean sea level conditions
- Increase runway by 30 feet for every 1000 feet in airfield elevation (0.03 x airfield elevation)
- In the U.S. ultralights are regulated by FAR Part 103
- Web links:

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• FAR 103 (https://www.ecfr.gov/ current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-F/part-103)





# Small Airplanes with Approach Speeds > 30 knots and < 50 knots

- This group includes Light Sport Aircraft (LSA)
- FAA recommends an 800-foot (244 meters) runway at mean sea level conditions
- Increase runway by 80 feet for every 1000 feet in airfield elevation (0.08 x airfield elevation)
- Web links:

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• FAA LSA: <u>https://www.faa.gov/</u> aircraft/gen\_av/light\_sport





# **Light Sport Aircraft (LSA)**

- Maximum takeoff gross weight : 1,320 lbs (600 kilograms)
- 1,430 lbs if LSA is a seaplane
- Two seats

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- 120 knots maximum cruise speed
- Maximum stall speed : 45 knots
- One engine
- Fixed pitch propeller
- Fixed landing gear

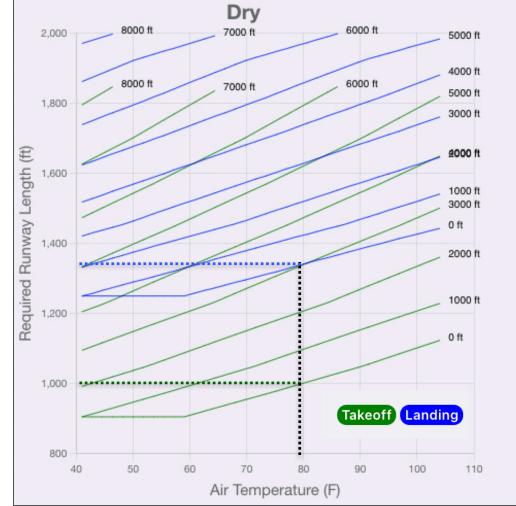


# Virginia Tech Recommendation for LSA Aircraft

- Based on recent analysis at Virginia Tech for the FAA we recommend:
  - 1,000 ft for takeoff at sea level and 80 deg. F.
  - **1,350 ft** for landing at sea level at 80 deg. F.



Data for the Flight Design CTLS



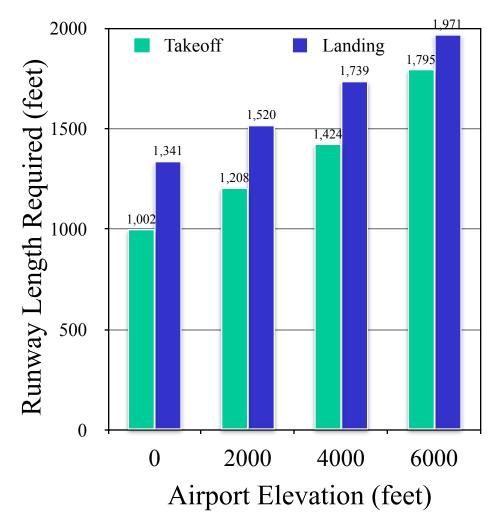
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# Analysis of LSA Aircraft performance Using SARLAT

Airport Elevation (feet)	Takeoff Runway Length (feet)	Landing Runway (feet)	Delta from Datum Point (%)
Sea Level	1,002	1,341	0
2,000	1,208	1,520	13.3
4,000	1,424	1,739	29.7
6,000	1,795	1,971	47.0

The actual LSA performance indicates an increase of 8% for each 1,000 feet in airport elevation



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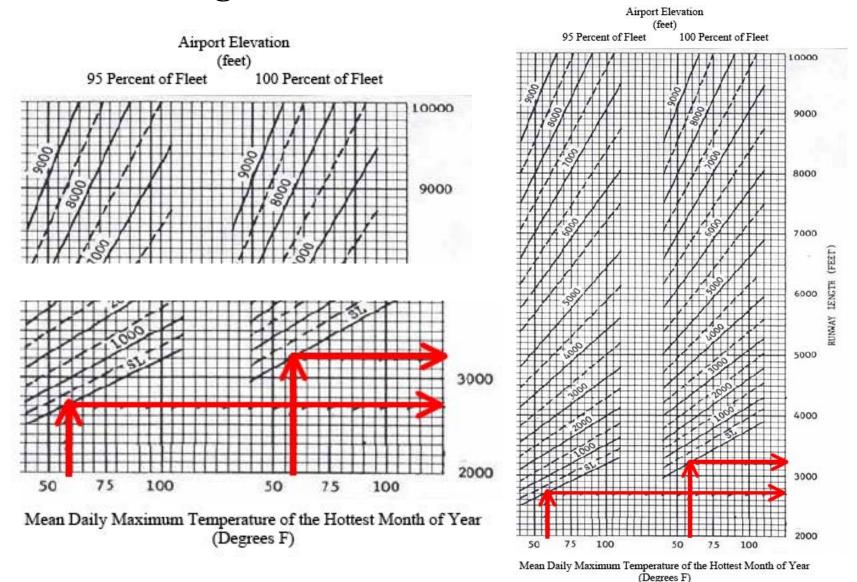


# Small Airplanes with Approach Speeds > 50 knots or MTOW < 12,500 lb

- This group includes most of the General Aviation (GA) aircraft
- Use Figure 2-1 and 2-2 in the FAA AC 150/5325-4b
- Figure 2-1
  - Aircraft with less than 10 seats (excluding pilot and co-pilot)
  - Two family group designs (95% and 100% of the fleet)
- Figure 2-2
  - Aircraft with more than 10 seats (excluding pilot and copilot)

Figure 2-1 in AC 150/5325-4b

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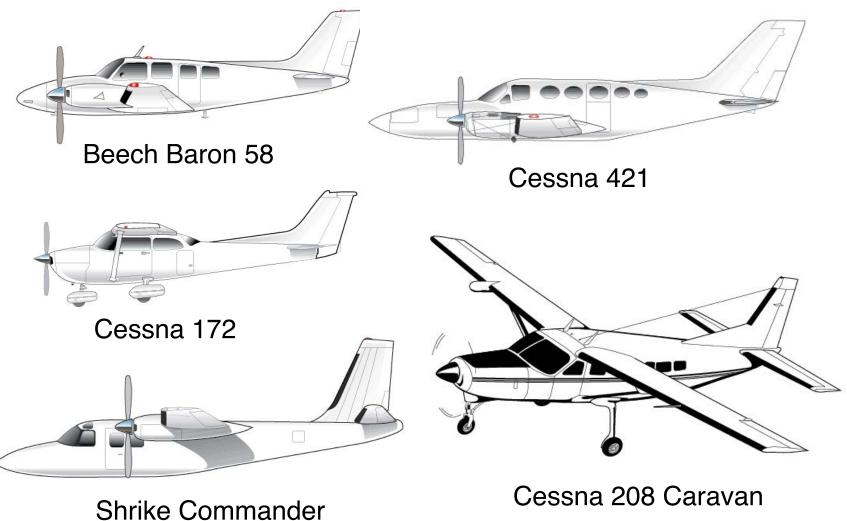


# **Selection of Percent of the Fleet**

- 95 Percent of Fleet
  - "This category applies to airports that are primarily intended to serve medium size population communities with a diversity of usage and a greater potential for increased aviation activities. Also included in this category are those airports that are primarily intended to serve low-activity"
- 100 Percent of Fleet
  - "This type of airport is primarily intended to serve communities located on the fringe of a metropolitan area or a relatively large population remote from a metropolitan area"

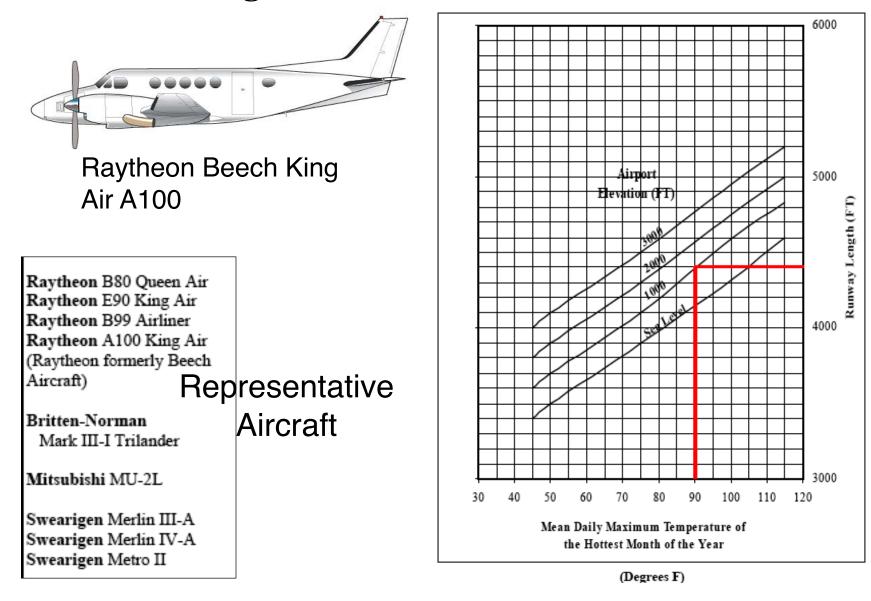


## Small Aircraft < 10 seats (and <12,500 lbs)





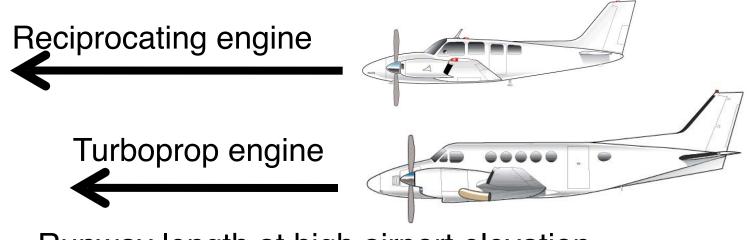
## Figure 2-2 in AC 150/5325-4b



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# **Important Design Consideration**

- For airfield elevations above 3,000 feet (914 meters) use the 100% fleet graph in Figure 2-1 instead of Figure 2-2
- Reason:
- Small aircraft in Figure 2-1 are have reciprocating engine technology that is more prone to "power" degradation with altitude that aircraft included in Figure 2-2



Runway length at high airport elevation

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# **Representative Aircraft with More than 10 Seats**



Raytheon Beechcraft King Air 360 ADG II and AAC B

## Mitsubishi MU-2B 60 (Long) ADG I and AAC B





Swearinger Merlin Metro III ADG II and AAC B



# Assumptions in the Development of Curves (applies to curves in Figure 2-1 and 2-2)

- Curves shown in Figures 2-1 and 2-2 comply with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 23
- FAR Part 23 applies to the certification of small aircraft
- Assume the following conditions:
  - Zero wind
  - MTOW or MALW
  - Airport elevation and temperature are parameters
- A 10% increase in the runway length values has been accounted for to **compensate for humidity and runway gradient**

# Assumptions in the Development of Curves (applies to Figure 2-2)

- Figure 2-2 includes **accelerate and stop distance** calculations for aircraft with more than 10 seats
- Figure 2-1 does not include accelerate and stop distance criteria
- In general, takeoff is the critical maneuver to determine runway length

Runway Length for Small Aircraft with MTOW > 12,500 lb (5,670 kg) and less than 60,000 lb (27,200 kg)

- Inputs to the procedure:
  - Airport elevation (above mean sea level)
  - Mean daily maximum temperature of the hottest month of the year
  - Use Figures 3-1 and 3-2 in AC 150/5325-4b
  - Requires adjustment for runway gradient or wet pavement (e.g., landing performance)

# Runway Length for Small Aircraft with MTOW > 12,500 lb (5,670 kg) and less than 60,000 lb (27,200 kg)

- Use Tables 3-1 and 3-2 to determine the design group to use
- Determine the useful load factor (between 60% and 90%)
- Above 5,000 feet (airport elevations) the runway lengths for these aircraft might be less than those for smaller aircraft < 12,500 lb
- Curves are limited to 8,000 feet (2,439 meters)
- For higher elevations consult the aircraft manufacturers
- This procedure does not include runway length for air carriers

# **Explanation of Useful Load**

- Useful load is the weight an aircraft can carry including:
  - Pilot(s)

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- Passengers
- Baggage
- Cargo
- Usable fuel

# Beechcraft King Air B350



Source: SARLAT Tool

# **Useful Load and Mission Range**



Passengers

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Fuel

Pilots Baggage

## Beechcraft King Air B350

For example: a mission range of 300 nm carrying 10 passengers is equivalent to 61.5% useful load for this aircraft.

Mission Range (nm)	Maximum Number of Passengers	Useful Load (%)
100	10	50.4
150	10	53.5
200	10	56.4
300	10	61.5
600	10	73.7
1000	10	87.0
1316	10	97.4
1400	10	100.0
1500	9	100.0
1600	8	100.0
1700	7	100.0
1800	6	100.0
1900	5	100.0
2223	3	100.0

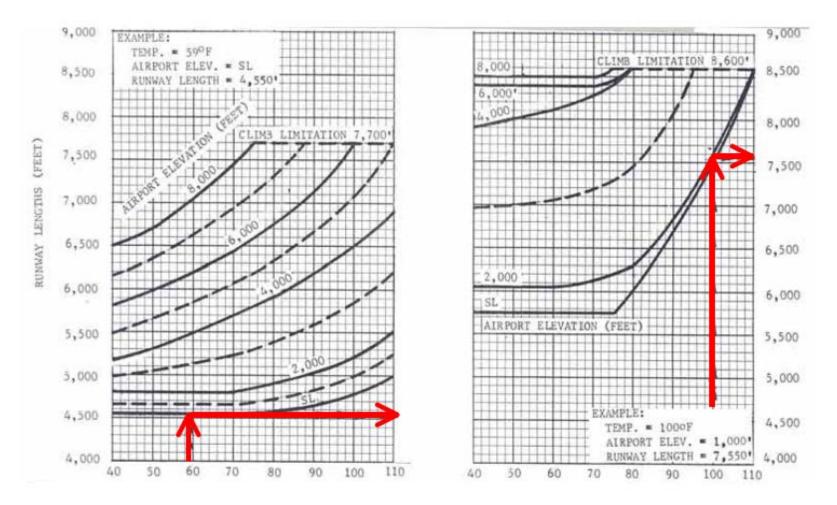
All values in the table assume two pilots and 30 lbs of luggage for each pilot

Source: SARLAT Tool

The Beechcraft King Air B350ER can fly 300 nm with 10 passengers, two pilots and fuel



## Figure 3-1 75% of Fleet (60 and 90% Useful Load)

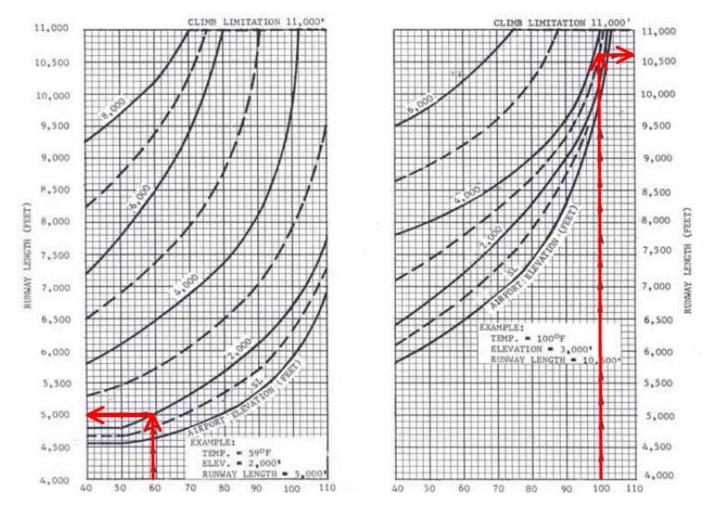


Mean Daily Maximum Temperature of Hottest Month of the Year in Degrees Fahrenheit

75 percent of feet at 60 percent useful load

75 percent of feet at 90 percent useful load

## Figure 3-2 100% of Fleet (60 and 90% Useful Load)



Mean Daily Maximum Temperature of Hottest Month of the Year in Degrees Fahrenheit

100 percent of feet at 60 percent useful load

100 percent of feet at 90 percent useful load

# Sample Aircraft in 75% of the Fleet

Manufacturer	Model
Aerospatiale	Sn-601 Corvette
Bae	125-700
Beech Jet	400A
Beech Jet	Premier I
Beech Jet	2000 Starship
Bombardier	Challenger 300
Cessna	500 Citation/501Citation Sp
Cessna	Citation I/II/III
Cessna	525A Citation II (CJ-2)

Manufacturer	Model
Dassault	Falcon 10
Dassault	Falcon 20
Dassault	Falcon 50/50 EX
Dassault	Falcon 900/900B
Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI)	Jet Commander 1121
IAI	Westwind 1123/1124
Learjet	20 Series
Learjet	31/31A/31A ER
Learjet	35/35A/36/36A

## Aircraft for Figure 3-1



Cessna Citation CJ2

## Source: FAA AC 150/5325-4b



## Bombardier Learjet 31A

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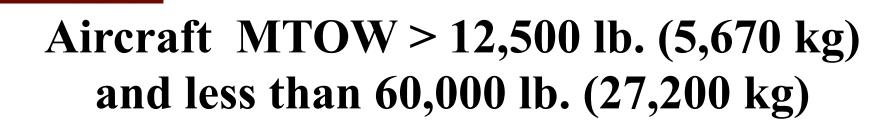
# Sample Aircraft in the Remaining 25% of the Fleet

Manufacturer	Model
Bae	Corporate 800/1000
Bombardier	600 Challenger
Bombardier	601/601-3A/3ER Challenger
Bombardier	604 Challenger
Bombardier	BD-100 Continental
Cessna	S550 Citation S/II
Cessna	650 Citation III/IV
Cessna	750 Citation X
Dassault	Falcon 900C/900EX
Dassault	Falcon 2000/2000EX

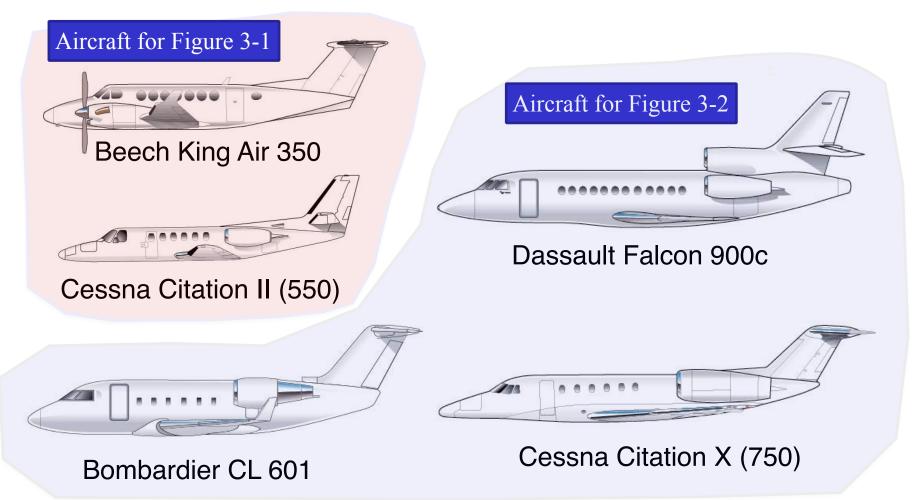
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Aircraft for Figure 3-2





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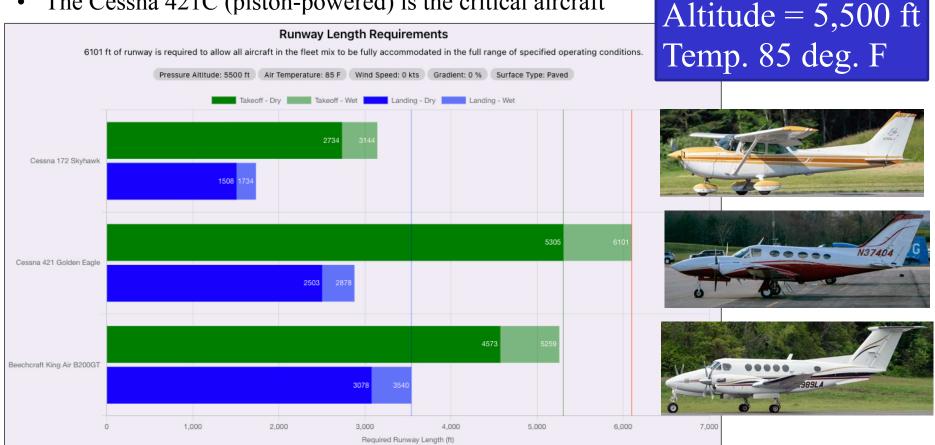
## Runway Length Adjustments Small Aircraft MTOW > 12,500 lb (5,670 kg) and less than 60,000 lb (27,200 kg)

- Values shown in Figures 3-1 and 3-2 apply with zero wind conditions and dry runway pavements
- Effective gradient correction (takeoff case)
  - Increase runway length by 10 feet (3.05 meters) for every foot (0.305 meters) of runway elevation difference (low-high)
- Wet and slippery runway correction (landing case)
  - Increase values obtained using the 60% useful load by 15% (for turbojet powered aircraft) up to 5,500 feet whichever is less
  - Increase values obtained using the 90% useful load by 15% (for turbojet powered aircraft) up to 7,000 feet whichever is less

- For high elevation airports, the performance of smaller aircraft below 12,500 lb may be critical
- Example analysis using the SARLAT tool.

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The Cessna 421C (piston-powered) is the critical aircraft

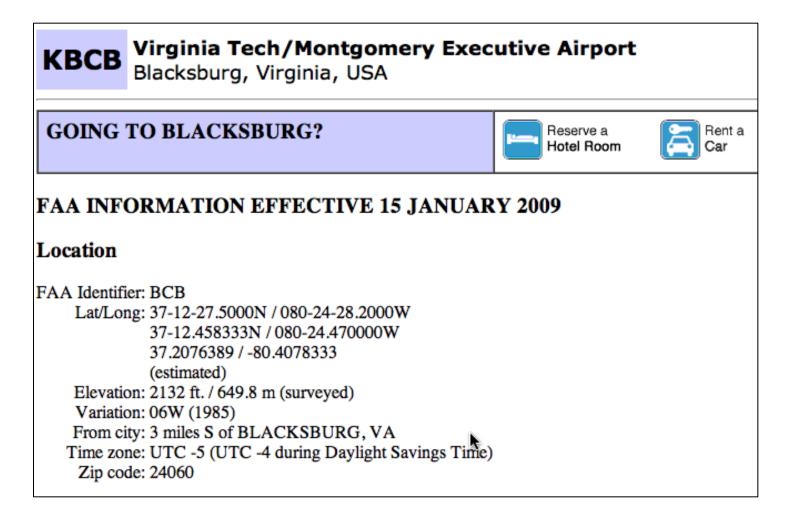




- Airport: BCB (Blacksburg)
- Issue: Improve the airport to serve 75% of the aircraft population < 60,000 lbs and 60% of useful load
  - Airport elevation = 2,132 feet
  - Mean daily maximum temperature of the hottest month of the year = 83 oF
  - Obtained from average high temperatures on the weather channel (or at NOAA)



### Information about BCB Airport (source: www.airnav.com)



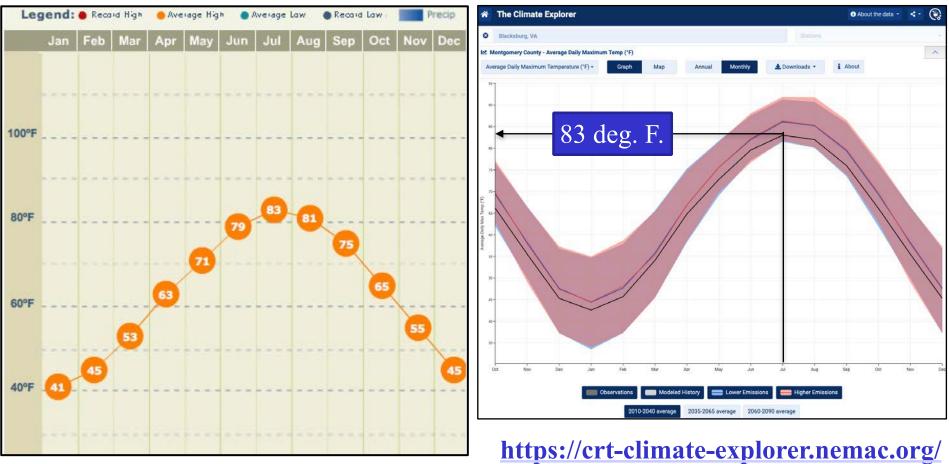


### Satellite View of BCB Airport in Spring 2019 (source: Google Maps)





### **BCB Mean Maximum Daily Temperature Profiles**



(source: www.weather.com)

https://crt-climate-explorer.nemac.org/ climate\_graphs/

# BCB Runway Information in Spring 2019 (source: www.airnav.com)

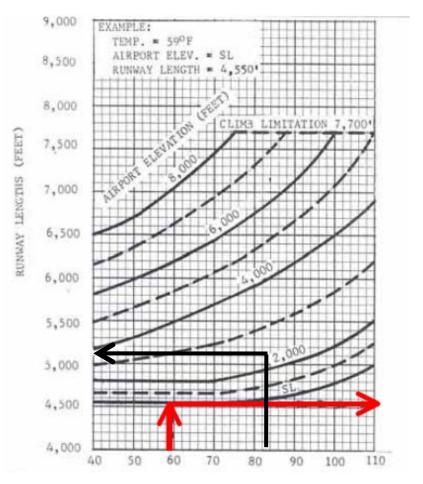
#### **Runway Information**

#### Runway 12/30

	Dimensions: 4539 x 100 ft. / 1383 x 30 m	
	Surface: asphalt, in fair condition	
Runw	ay edge lights: medium intensity	
	RUNWAY 12	RUNWAY 30
	Latitude: 37-12.629310N	37-12.287662N
	Longitude: 080-24.886423W	080-24.054668W
	Elevation: 2112.7 ft.	2131.7 ft.
	Gradient: 0.4% UP	0.4% DOWN
	Traffic pattern: left	left
Ru	nway heading: 123 magnetic, 117 true	303 magnetic, 297 true
	Markings: nonprecision, in fair condition	nonprecision, in fair condition
Visual s	slope indicator: 4-light PAPI on left (3.00 degrees glide	e path) 2-light PAPI on left (3.75 degrees glide path)
А	pproach lights: ODALS: omnidirectional approach light	
	system	
Runway end i	dentifier lights:	yes
	ichdown point: yes, no lights	yes, no lights
	ment approach: LOC/DME	,,
	Obstructions: 24 ft. road, lighted, 600 ft. from runwa ft. right of centerline, 16:1 slope to clear	•

### **Runway Length Calculation**

- Use Figure 3-1 and 60% useful load curve
- Recall: 75% of the GA and corporate jet population is served by this analysis
- Runway length = 5,200 feet



Mean daily maximum temperature °F

# Runway Length Estimation (BCB) Corrections

- Effective gradient correction (takeoff case)
  - Increase runway length by 10 feet (3.05 meters) for every foot (0.305 meters) of runway elevation difference (low-high)
  - 0.4% grade implies a delta elevation of around 18 feet
  - Increase Runway Length by 180 feet (or 5380 feet)
- Wet and slippery runway correction (landing case)
  - Increase values obtained using the 60% useful load by 15% (for turbojet powered aircraft) up to 5,500 feet whichever is less
  - Min (5980 feet, 5500 feet) = 5,500 feet

# **Runway Improvement at BCB**

- BCB requires a **5,500 feet runway according to the design procedure**
- Accommodates 75% of the aircraft population below 60,000 lb at 60% useful load factor
- This improvement would better serve a higher population of corporate jets in the U.S.
- During football games many small corporate jets operate in and out of the airport

Blacksburg Montgomery Executive Airport (BCB) ramp during a football game

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# Satellite View of BCB Airport in Spring 2022 (source: Google Maps)

# Runway Length = 5,501 feet

South Main Street

Virginia Tech Montgomery Executive Airport

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New Runway Safety Area (C-II)



#### Small Aircraft Runway Analysis Tool (SARLAT)

#### **Computer Software Tool to Estimate Runway length for Small Aircraft**

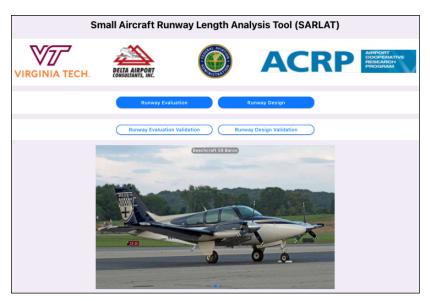


#### New FAA Guidance for Airport Projects Requires Using the Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool (SARLAT)

- A computer program developed at the Virginia Tech Air Transportation Systems Laboratory
- SARLAT includes detailed runway performance data for forty two representative small aircraft

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- Includes business jets weighing up to 20,200 lbs
- Includes dozens of single engine and multi-engine piston aircraft
- Includes representative turboprop aircraft



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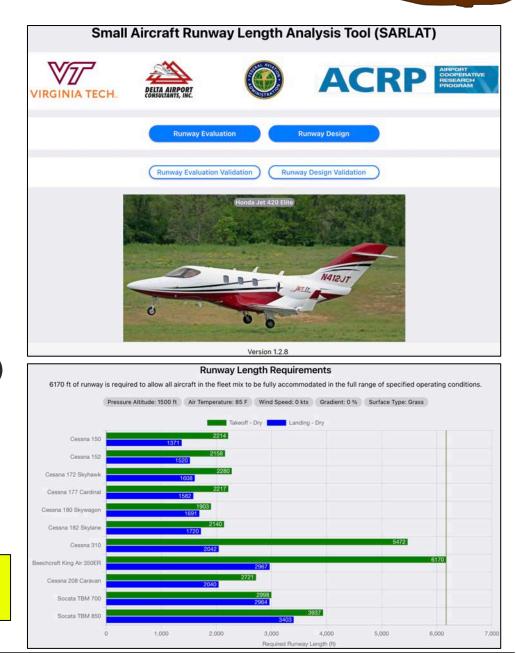
Get the SARLAT User Guide at the link above



# SARLAT Tool

- Stand-alone tool
- Consider individual aircraft performance
- Consider all airport design factors
  - Temperature
  - Wind conditions
  - Airport elevation
  - Aircraft climb limits (if applicable)
  - Aircraft useful load
- Produce runway length requirements for both takeoff and landing conditions

SARLAT uses Javascript and Matlab Runs on Windows and Mac OS systems



# Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool (SARLAT) for Windows Operating System

**Step 1:** Download the Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool (SARLAT) setup file from:

Windows: <u>https://atsl-software-downloads.s3.amazonaws.com/sarlat/</u> V1.2.8/SARLAT-1.2.8+Setup.exe

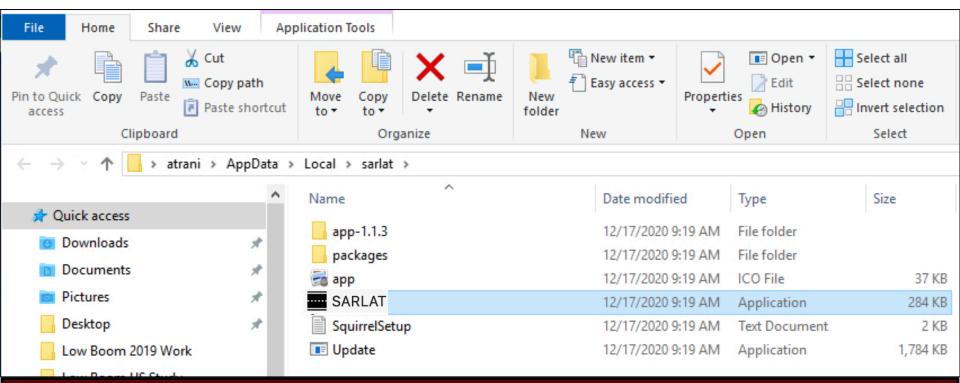
### Step 2: Locate the downloaded file on your hard drive folder SARLAT-1.2.8+Setup.exe

Step 3: Install the application Double click on the SARLAT-1.2.8+Setup.exe file

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# Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool (SARLAT) for Windows Operating System (2)

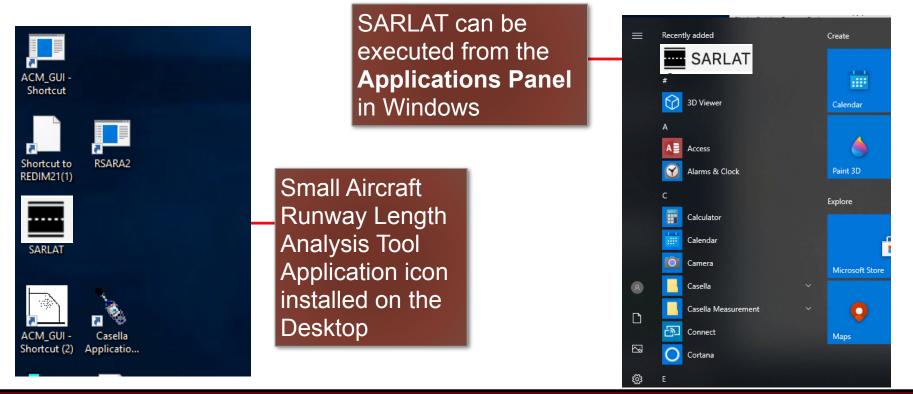
- SARLAT is usually installed in your local drive under the name SARLAT
- The example shows SARLAT installed in the user/AppData/local folder





# Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool (SARLAT) for Windows Operating System (3)

- After installation, SARLAT creates an icon on the desktop automatically
- To run the application again, use the icon on the desktop





# Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool (SARLAT) for Mac Operating System

**Step 1:** Download the Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool (SARLAT) setup file from:

Mac: <u>https://atsl-software-downloads.s3.amazonaws.com/sarlat/</u> V1.2.8/SARLAT-1.2.8-x64.dmg

**Step 2:** Locate the downloaded file on your hard drive folder. The file is an Apple Disk Image file called **SARLAT-1.2.8.dmg** 

Step 3: Install the application Double click on the SARLAT-1.2.8.dmg file on the Mac OS

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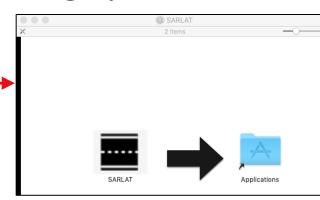
**Step 4:** Drag the SARLAT application icon to your Applications Folder

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**Step 5:** Click **Open** in the security warning allowing the SARLAT application to run in your computer

**Step 6:** If necessary, allow the SARLAT application dialog in the Security & Privacy inside the **Systems Preferences** 





"SARLAT" is an app downloaded from the

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# Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool (SARLAT) for Mac Operating System (3)

 After installation, the SARLAT Application resides in the Applications Folder in your computer

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Back/Forward	View Action Group By Share Edit Tags
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- Double click in there SARLAT icon to run the application
- You can create a shortcut by dragging the SARLAT Application icon to the computer task bar



SARLAT Application Icon

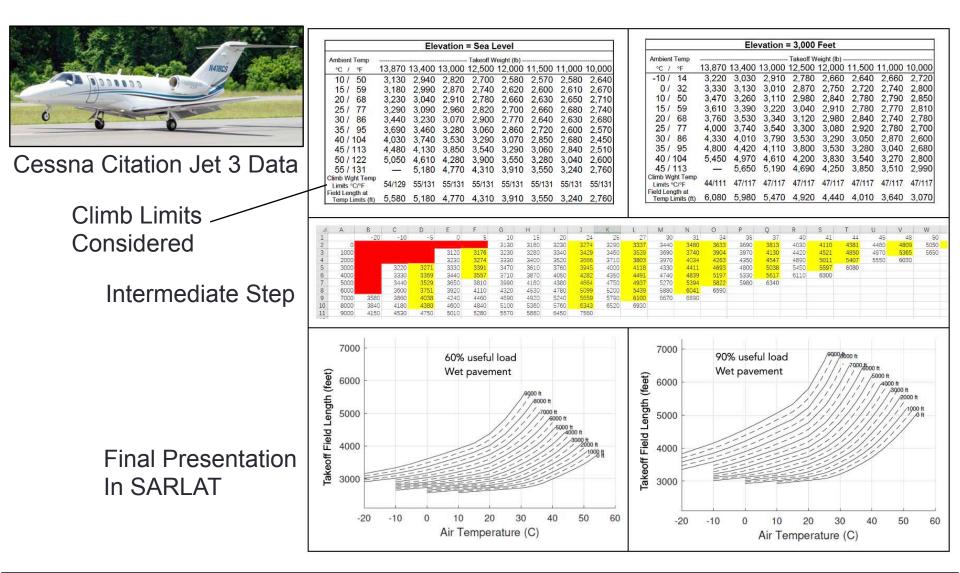
#### **SARLAT : Data Gathering and Analysis**

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	VPEE		16500 POU			
TEMP	VREF =	111 KIAS		/APP = 117	KIAS	
TEMP DEG	TAILWIND	ZERO		HEADWINDS		
C	10 KTS	WIND	10 KTS	20 KTS	30 KTS	NEIVT
-25	3290	2760	2600	2450	2300	in land
-20	3330	2790	2640	2490	2340	and the second states
-15	3370	2830	2680	2520	2370	
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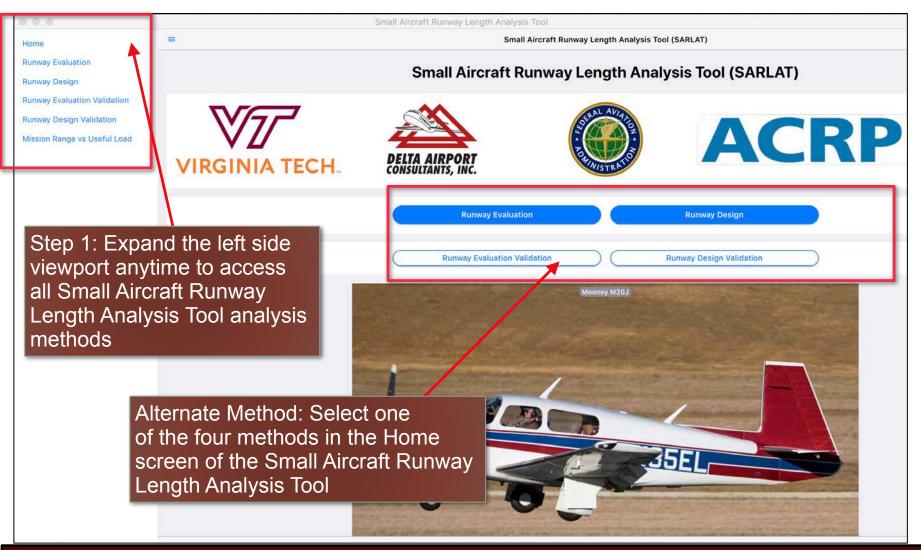
#### **SARLAT : Translate Data Into a Common Graphical Format**

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#### **SARLAT : Model Integration and Graphic User Interface**



## **General Information About the Model**

The Small Aircraft Runway Length Analysis Tool has **four modes of operation described below:** 

Analysis modes:

- a) Evaluation of an existing runway
- b) Design of a new runway

• Validation modes:

a) Evaluation of an existing runway

b) Design of a new runway



- Use the Analysis Modes to evaluate or design a new runway
- Use the Validation Modes to validate and visualize the runway performance of individual aircraft for a set of airport conditions



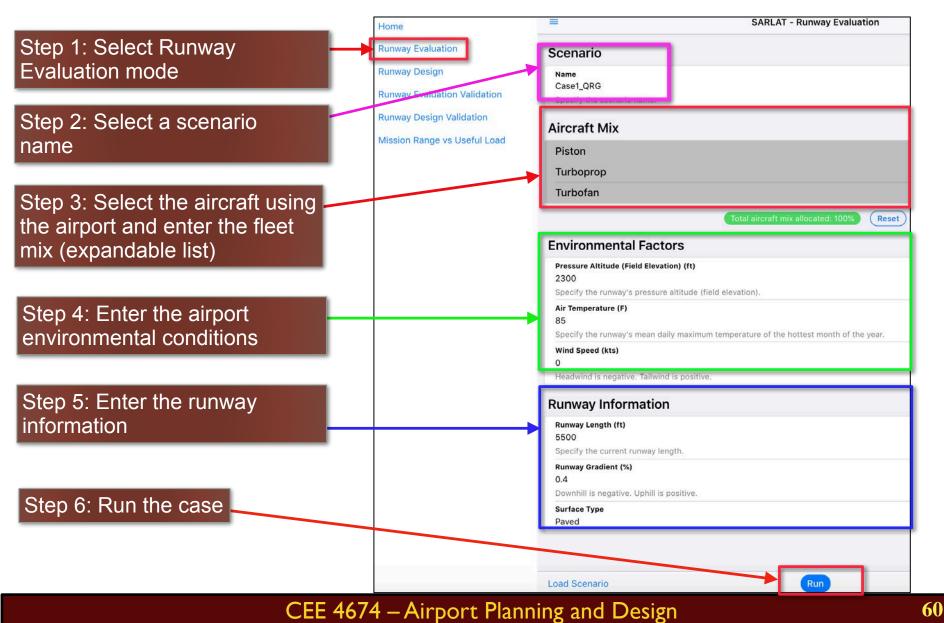
### **Runway Evaluation Mode**

### • Objective:

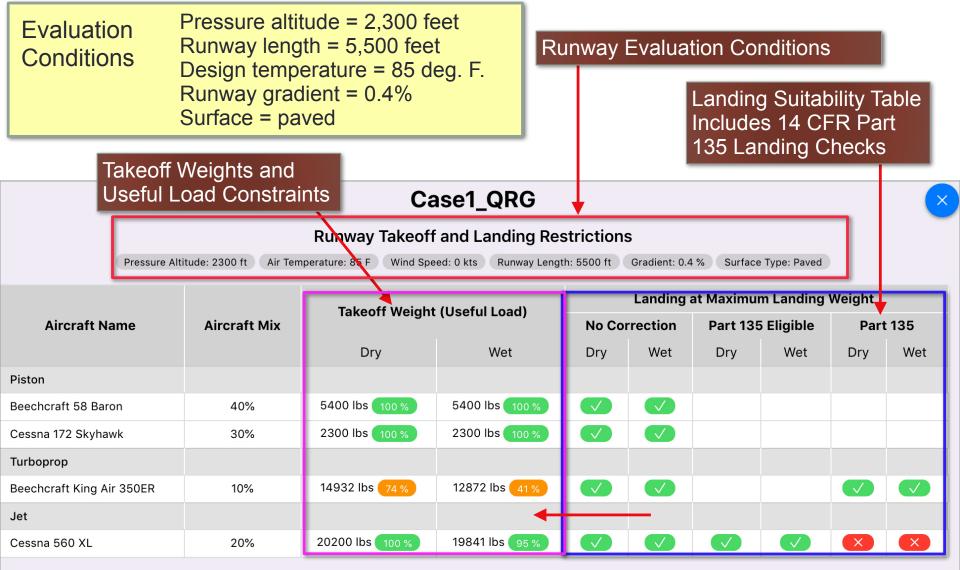
- To evaluate if a given aircraft fleet can operate at the existing airport
- Output Produced
  - Suitability of each aircraft to operate at the airport
    - Takeoff distances (dry and wet)
    - Landing distances (dry, wet, Part 135 dry, and Part 135 wet)
  - Aircraft useful load for the given runway length available and airport conditions

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# **Runway Evaluation Mode**



#### **Runway Evaluation Mode**



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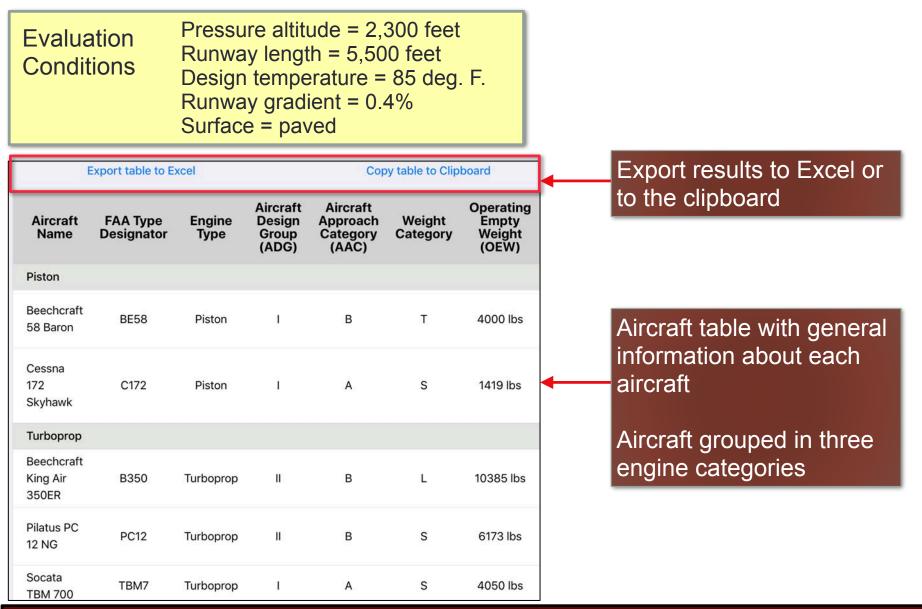
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# Mission Range vs. Useful Load Tradeoff (Case 1)

Evaluation Conditions	Provides information to translate useful load to mission range Output for Case 1 (King Takeoff Weight (Useful Load)						
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Runway Evaluation Runway Design	Small Aircraft Runway Length A	nalysis Tool	Beechcraft King Air 350ER		10%	14932 lbs 74 %	12872 lbs 41%
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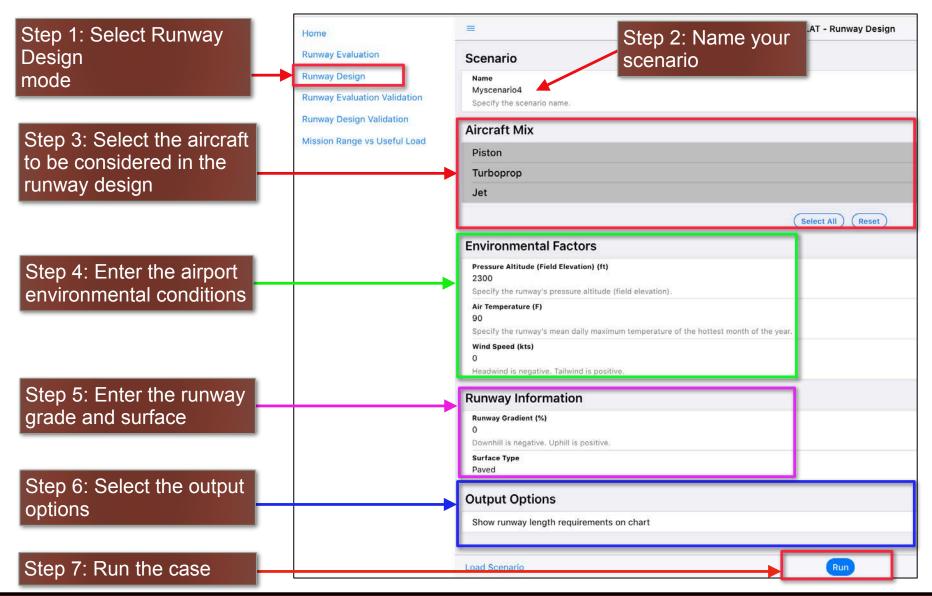
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### **Runway Evaluation Output (Case 1)**



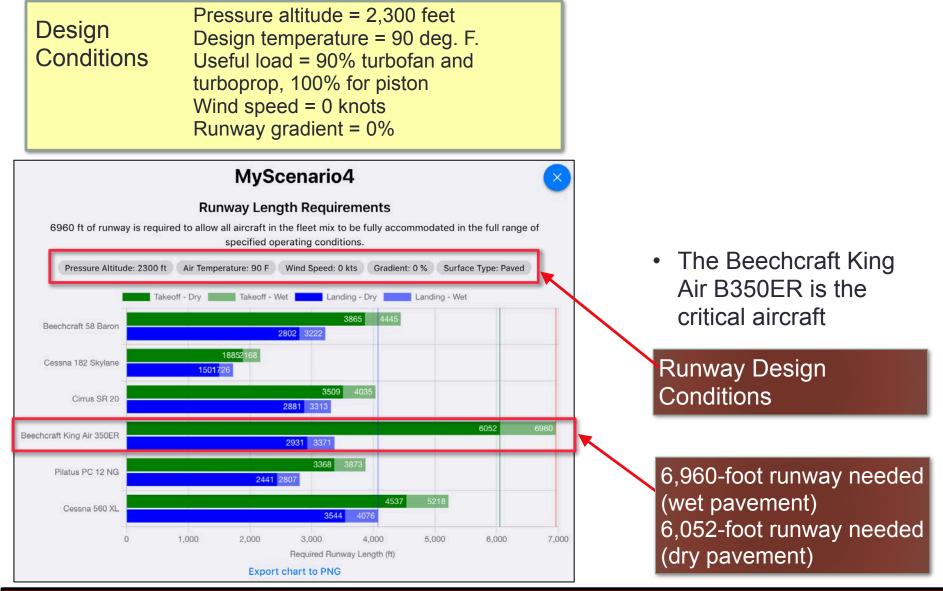
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### **Runway Design Mode**



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### **Runway Design Mode Output**





### **Runway Design Output (1)**

Design Conditions Pressure altitude = 2,300 feet Design temperature = 90 deg. F. Useful load = 90% jets, 100% others Wind speed = 0 knots Runway gradient = 0%

		Takeoff (ft)		Landing (ft)					
Aircraft Name	Useful Load (%)			No Correction		Part 135 Eligible		Part 135	
		Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet
Piston									
Beechcraft 58 Baron	100	3865	4445	2802	3222				
Cessna 182 Skylane	100	1885	2168	1501	1726				
Turboprop									
Beechcraft King Air 350ER	60	5120	5888	2931	3371			4191	4820
Pilatus PC 12 NG	90	3368	3873	2441	2807				
Jet									
Cessna 560 XL	90	4537	5218	3544	4076				
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# **Runway Evaluation Validation Mode**

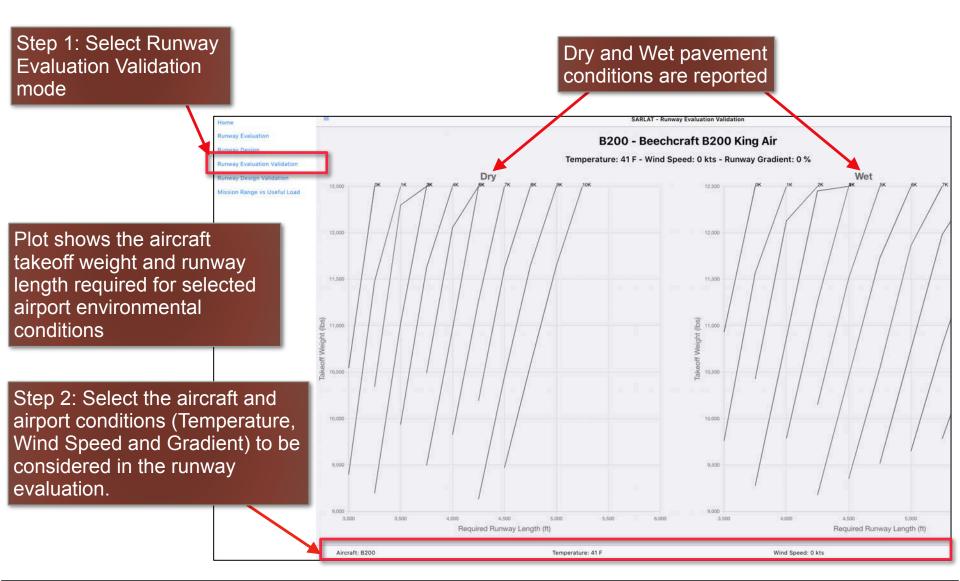
### • Objective:

 Provides a graphical representation of aircraft takeoff weight and runway length required for various design parameters (temperature, runway grade, and wind speed)

#### Output Produced

Plot of runway length versus takeoff weight

### **Runway Evaluation Validation Mode**





# **Runway Design Validation Mode**

### Objective:

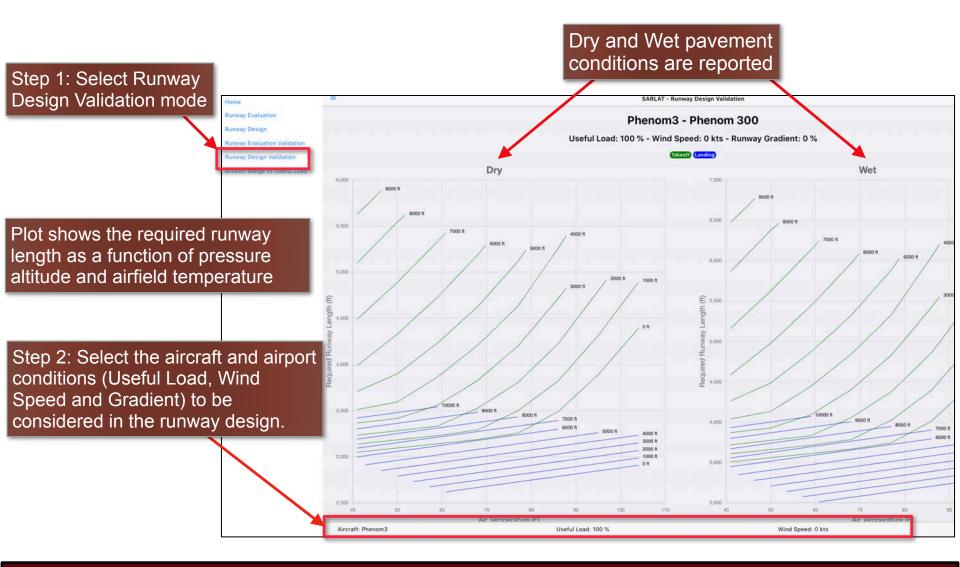
 Provides a graphical representation of aircraft takeoff weight and runway length required for various design parameters (temperature, runway grade, and useful load

#### Output Produced

Plot of runway length versus takeoff weight

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#### **Runway Design Validation Mode**



# **SARLAT Design Limits**

Parameter	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Remarks			
Temperature (deg. Fahrenheit)	41	104				
Pressure Altitude (feet)	0	None	Most aircraft performance data is reported to 8,000 feet altitude			
Wind (knots)	-10	5	Headwind is negative			
Runway Gradient (%)	0	2	Assumes both runway ends of the runway are used (uphill is positive)			
Runway Surface Conditions	Dry, Wet, Grass*, and Gravel*					

\* Only for selected aircraft with such data in the Pilot Operating Handbook



# **SARLAT Reports the Following Data**

- For turbofan and turboprop aircraft weighing 12,500 lbs or more, we report Accelerate and Stop Distance (ASD)
- For turboprop aircraft weighing less than 12,500 lbs, we report Takeoff Distance to Clear a 50-foot Obstacle
- For multi-engine, piston-powered aircraft, we report Accelerate and Stop Distance (ASD\*)
- For single engine piston-powered aircraft, we report Takeoff Distance to Clear a 50-foot Obstacle

- \* For AIP projects, use the takeoff charts included in Appendix D comparing takeoff and accelerate-stop-distance for twin-engine piston aircraft.
- \* Twin engine, piston-powered aircraft are 5-15 times more prone to engine failures compared to twi-engine turboprops.



# **Providing Feedback to Improve the SARLAT Tool**

- We welcome your feedback
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