



LOUIS A. D'AULERIO, BAP

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL OUTLINE

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Mr. D'Aulerio consults as an Occupant Crash Protection expert for ARCCA, Incorporated. Additional areas of expertise include:

- Computerized Crash/Motion Simulation
- Human Subject Crash Testing
- Air and Vehicle Safety Analysis
- Crash Investigation and Analysis
- Occupant Kinematics
- Injury Mechanism Analysis
- Crash Survivability Research
- Occupant Restraint Systems Research
- Safety Product Design and Development

BACKGROUND

Mr. D'Aulerio earned a BA in Physics from LaSalle College, and attended Pennsylvania State University for graduate courses in Engineering Science. He is highly qualified as a crashworthiness and crash safety expert with a focus on occupant crash protection. He has gained in-depth knowledge and extensive experience in computer simulation of human response to impact and inertial crash forces. He has spent his 35+ year career in the design, development, test, computer simulation and analysis of occupant crash protection systems. He is co-inventor of three patents for seat and safety devices for passenger vehicles, and has authored several technical papers addressing his areas of expertise.

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

- Played a primary role in the validation of one of the first crash victim simulation programs (BIOMAN)
- Developed two- and three-dimensional computer models of ejection seats and corresponding occupant crash motion, which are used extensively to analyze and evaluate escape system performance and in crash injury predictions. This validation was based on extensive testing with both crash dummies and human volunteers.
- Applied this unique experience to the development and improvement of seating and restraint systems used in both crash and ejection environments
- Participated in Navy programs to analyze and evaluate a practical design for a common ejection seat for several aircraft, as well as the F/TF-18 Escape System Improvement Program
- Designated as Systems Integrator for the Navy in the development of a systems-engineered cockpit, centered on the requirements of the human operator with strong emphasis on crash survivability

EDUCATION

- B.A. Physics, LaSalle College, 1975
- Various Government computer courses, 1976 – 1979
- Mathematics of Operations Research, NADC, Warminster, PA, May 1978
- Geometric Modeling and Computer Graphics, University of Michigan, May 1979
- Graduate Courses in Engineering Science, Pennsylvania State University, 1981 – 1985

- DYCAST Workshop – A Finite Element Program for Crash Analysis of Structures, NASA Langley, April 1982
- SOMLA Workshop – Computer Simulation of Aircraft in a Crash Environment, FAA Pomona, September 1982
- Dynamic Sensor Technology, Institute of Environmental Sciences, May 1983
- Decelerator Systems Engineering, University of Minnesota at SANDIA, July 1985
- Advanced Management of Engineering Projects, Drexel University, May 1987
- Systems Engineering Management Course, Defense Systems Management College, March 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Present

Senior Crashworthiness and Crash Safety Expert, August 1991 – December 2017

ARCCA, Incorporated, Penns Park, PA

- Investigates cause of vehicle crashes, occupant injury, and human response to applied crash forces
- Provides engineering support for Government and private industry projects
- Analyzes failed vehicle components and assesses defective conditions
- Utilizes computer modeling to evaluate occupant seat and restraint systems for both ground and air vehicles that experience single- or multi-axis crash loading

Seating and Restraint Engineer, February 1976 – July 1991

Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, PA |

- Led validation efforts of the first crash victim simulation program
- Pioneered the use of mathematical simulations to analyze and evaluate human kinematics and response characteristics under crash and ejection conditions
- Developed both two- and three-dimensional computer models of ejection seats and the corresponding occupant crash motion, which are used extensively in the analysis and evaluation of escape systems performance and in crash injury prediction
- Developed a model to predict the dynamic shift of the human body's center of gravity when exposed to crash forces, based on extensive testing with crash dummies and human volunteers
- Directed the Navy Aircrew Common Ejection Seat program
- Analyzed and evaluated seat design and integration to provide a common ejection seat for various military aircraft
- Was instrumental in the development of a systems-engineered cockpit centered on the requirements of the human operator with strong emphasis on crash survivability
- Participated in two Navy programs, resulting in the development of inflatable restraints for fighter/attack aircrew. Responsible for the Escape System Improvement Program for military aircraft.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
- The SAFE Association
- Department of Defense Tri-Service Aircraft Seat Standardization Committee, (1982-1989)

PATENTS AND PETITIONS

- Co-author and signer of ARCCA, Incorporated's Petition to NHTSA on FMVSS 207: *Petition to Amend 49 CFR 571.207, FMVSS 207-Seating Systems* (September 28, 2015).
- Co-inventor of Dual Stage Variable Load Energy Absorber for Vehicle Seating, U.S. Patent No. 8,439,420B2, issued May 14, 2013.
- Co-inventor of Dual Stage Variable Load Energy Absorber for Vehicle Seating, U.S. Patent No. 8,162,374B2, issued April 24, 2012.
- Co-inventor of Seat-Mounted Occupant Crash Protection System, Patent No. 6,155,601, issued December 5, 2000.
- Co-inventor of Vehicle Safety Seat System, Patent No. 5,553,924, issued September 10, 1996.

PUBLICATIONS

D'Aulerio, Louis, Whitman, Gary, Sicher, Larry, Cantor, Alan, Markushewski, Mike. (2018): Forensic Performance Analysis of Load-Limiting Devices in Automotive Seat Belt Retractors, Journal of Forensic Sciences, DOI:10.1111/1556-4029.13955.

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Sicher, L.A., G.R. Whitman, J.R. Yannaccone, **L. D'Aulerio**, et al. (2001). *Lateral Restraint: Comparison of Lap/Shoulder Belt vs. Lap/Shoulder Plus Supplemental Shoulder Belt Restraint Systems*. SAFE Association's 39th Annual Symposium.

Sicher, L., J. Yannaccone, **L. D'Aulerio**, et al. (2000). *Occupant Protection During Rollover Events*. SAFE Association 38th Annual Symposium.

Joganich, T. G., M. L. Markushewski, A. Cantor, **L. D'Aulerio**, et al. (2000). *Effect of Cognitive Workload on Automatic Restraint System Usage* (SAE 2000-01-0174). Selected for inclusion in SAE Transactions. SAE 2000 World Congress. Detroit, MI, Society of Automotive Engineers.

Sicher, L.A., G.R. Whitman, J.R. Yannaccone, **L. D'Aulerio**, and A. Cantor. (2000). *Common Occupant Crash Protection for Army Wheeled Trucks* (SAE 2000-01-1395) Selected for inclusion in SAE Transactions. SAE 2000 World Congress, Society of Automotive Engineers.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- PMRS Performance Awards for 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989
- Letter of Commendation from VF-126, Miramar, for Computer Trajectory
- Letter of Commendation from NASA, Houston, for Computer Analysis of Crew Escape System for the Space Shuttle, December 1988
- Quality Step Increase (QSI), June 1984
- Outstanding Performance Award, March 1979
- Analysis in Support of Aircraft Accident Investigation, March 1976