The MD-80 was one of the most fuel-efficient aircraft in the skies when it was introduced, burning 37% less fuel per seat mile than a Boeing 727-100.

The MD-80 is the most-produced derivative of the Douglas DC-9 family.

The first MD-80s had a range of approximately 2,000 statute miles.

The plane is referred to as the Super 80 by American, and by aviation enthusiasts as “Mad Dog.”

McDonnell Douglas headquarters was in Berkeley, Missouri, outside St. Louis. The company merged with Boeing in 1997.

The plane is powered by two Pratt & Whitney JT8D rear fuselage-mounted engines. All other mainline American planes have wing-mounted engines.

The aircraft is arranged in a unique “2-3,” or five abreast, configuration.