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<http://us.cnn.com/2008/TECH/space/12/30/columbia.shuttle.disaster/index.html>

NASA, when they designed the Shuttle, forgot that during the Apollo and Gemini flights, many things went wrong. The only reason the crew survived was because of the toughness of the capsules, their simple designs, and their inherent safety (no active stabillization needed during reentry).

Shuttle: 121 successful flights, 2 failures

Mercury: 6 flights

MA-7 – landed off course 402km, numerous issues.

MA-9 – many issues, helped lead to cancellation of MA-10

Gemini: 10 flights

Gemini VII – thruster malfunction nearly results in loss of craft and crew. Rest of mission aborted

Apollo: 14 flights (including Skylab and ASTP)

Apollo 1: Need I say more?

Apollo 8: ended up in Stable 2 position, making crew seasick until righted

Apollo 13: Near loss of crew and craft in cislunar space

Apollo 15: One of three chutes failed leading to rough landing

Skylab 3; thruster leak, leads to possible launch of rescue vehicle

ASTP: Near loss of crew after landing due to intrusion of nitrogen tetroxide into crew cabin.

So a total of 24 flights compared to nearly 5 times that number.

So how's that track record again?

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