



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	FAIRBANKS, AK	Accident Number:	ANC94LA063
Date & Time:	06/01/1994, 1400 AKD	Registration:	N4380M
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-12	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT STATED HE OVERFLEW THE LANDING AREA AND DID NOT SEE ANY OBSTRUCTION. HE TOUCHED DOWN ON THE LANDING AREA INTENDING TO 'DRAG THE LANDING AREA' BUT BECAUSE THE LANDING WAS SMOOTH HE ELECTED TO REMAIN ON THE GROUND. APPROXIMATELY 2/3 OF THE WAY DOWN THE LANDING AREA HE SAW A DITCH AND THE AIRPLANE STRUCK THE DITCH. HE STATED HE WAS TOO SLOW TO ATTEMPT A GO AROUND AND HE WAS UNABLE TO STOP THE AIRPLANE. THE MAIN GEAR SEPARATED FROM THE FUSELAGE AND THE PLANE SKIDDED TO A STOP.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOT'S SELECTION OF AN UNSUITABLE LANDING AREA.

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH
 2. (C) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA - SELECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

3. LANDING GEAR,MAIN GEAR - OVERLOAD

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	45
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	326 hours (Total, all aircraft), 205 hours (Total, this make and model), 326 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N4380M
Model/Series:	PA-12 PA-12	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	KRIZE, ROBERT L.	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-A2B
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 4500 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	8 knots / , 10°
Temperature:	19° C	Visibility	90 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Destination:	TANANA RIVER, AK

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:			

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	GEORGE KOBELNYK	Adopted Date:	01/25/1995
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubin@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .		

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