



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	ELKTON, MD	Accident Number:	NYC97LA102
Date & Time:	06/01/1997, 1600 EDT	Registration:	N22935
Aircraft:	Cessna 150	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The private pilot departed on a local flight. While over flying his farm, he decided to land on the farm's 1,600 foot grass strip. The pilot stated the wind sock was pointing straight down the runway and he executed a soft field landing. Immediately after the main gear touched down, the airplane began to veer right. The right wing struck trees, and bent upward. The airplane spun around 180 degrees, and was thrown backward. The left wing also impacted trees. The pilot reported that the right brake had grabbed after landing, which caused the airplane to veer into the trees. Examination of the aircraft on site, could not confirm that the right brake had grabbed.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain directional control, which resulted in the airplane veering right, and striking trees.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

2. OBJECT - TREE(S)

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	81
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	476 hours (Total, all aircraft), 369 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 16 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 13 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N22935
Model/Series:	150 150	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	GEORGE B. ZEBLY	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O200-A
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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:	Pilot
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	11 knots / , 260°
Temperature:	21° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	MIDDLETOWN, DE (N92)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	(NONE)	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Runway Used:	8	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	1600 ft / 150 ft		

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):	ROBERT L PEARCE	Adopted Date:	02/02/1998
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 pubinq@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .		

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