



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	ANCHORAGE, AK	Accident Number:	ANC98LA135
Date & Time:	09/01/1998, 0900 AKD	Registration:	N7279K
Aircraft:	Piper PA-18-150	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot reported he was attempting to takeoff from a remote, off-airport site. He estimated his takeoff site to be 500 feet long. He related that the airplane became airborne after approximately 300 feet of ground roll, but soon settled to the ground, and drifted to the left into undergrowth. The airplane subsequently encountered rough terrain, and nosed over. The pilot noted there were no preimpact mechanical problems with the airplane.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's selection of an unsuitable area for takeoff. A factor associated with the accident is the pilot's premature liftoff.

Findings

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

Findings

1. (F) LIFT-OFF - PREMATURE - PILOT IN COMMAND
 2. (C) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA - SELECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings

3. TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN
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Occurrence #3: NOSE OVER
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	40
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	112 hours (Total, all aircraft), 41 hours (Total, this make and model), 50 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 35 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N7279K
Model/Series:	PA-18-150 PA-18-150	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	DAVID E. TAYLOR	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320
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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:	6 knots / , 90°
Temperature:	6° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Destination:		

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):	JAMES D LABELLE	Adopted Date:	02/16/2001
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.ntsbt.gov/pubdms/ .		

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