



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	LOS ANGELES, CA	Accident Number:	DCA91MA018A
Date & Time:	02/01/1991, 1807 PST	Registration:	N388US
Aircraft:	BOEING 737-300	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	22 Fatal, 13 Serious, 17 Minor, 37 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 121: Air Carrier - Scheduled

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport	Age:	48, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	10/01/1990
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	16300 hours (Total, all aircraft), 4300 hours (Total, this make and model), 43 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BOEING	Registration:	N388US
Model/Series:	737-300 737-300	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Transport	Serial Number:	
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	128
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	01/02/2000, Continuous Airworthiness	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	125000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Turbo Fan
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	GE
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	CFM56-3-B1
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	20000 lbs
Operator:	USAIR	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Flag carrier (121)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	USAA

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Dusk
Observation Facility, Elevation:	LAX, 126 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1751 PST	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 30000 ft agl	Visibility	15 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	6 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	260°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	14° C / 6° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	COLUMBUS, OH (CMH)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	1317 PST	Type of Airspace:	Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL (LAX)	Runway Surface Type:	Concrete
Airport Elevation:	126 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	24L	IFR Approach:	Visual
Runway Length/Width:	10285 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 Fatal, 2 Serious, 2 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	20 Fatal, 11 Serious, 15 Minor, 37 None	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	22 Fatal, 13 Serious, 17 Minor, 37 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Robert MacIntosh
Additional Participating Persons:	SEE FACTUAL REPORT
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/ .