



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	WILLOWS, CA	Accident Number:	LAX90DVG05
Date & Time:	05/02/1990, 1800 PDT	Registration:	N2069G
Aircraft:	LERSTANG LONG EZE	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT STATED HE EXPERIENCED A LOSS OF ENGINE POWER DURING A VISUAL APPROACH TO LAND. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED 20 FEET SHORT OF THE RUNWAY. EXAMINATION OF THE AIRCRAFT AND THE ENGINE REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF A MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION WITH THE ENGINE OR THE FLIGHT CONTROLS. THE WINDS WERE REPORTED TO BE VARIABLE AT 10 KNOTS.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOTS MISJUDGEMENT OF THE CORRECT LANDING SPOT AND ALLOWED THE AIRCRAFT TO DESCEND INTO THE GROUND WITHOUT TAKING PROPER AND TIMELY CORRECTIVE ACTION.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

1. (C) FLARE - MISJUDGED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) PROPER TOUCHDOWN POINT - NOT ATTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	51
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	500 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	LERSTANG	Registration:	N2069G
Model/Series:	LONG EZE LONG EZE	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	LERSTANG, MYRTON R.	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-235 C1B
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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:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	10 knots / , Variable
Temperature:	-16 °C	Visibility	60 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	WILLOWS, CA (WLW)	Destination:	, CA

Airport Information

Airport:	WILLOWS GLENN CO. (WLW)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	34	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	4506 ft / 50 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):	DIXIE J NORTON	Adopted Date:	09/21/1992
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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