



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	EVERETT, WA	Accident Number:	SEA91LA001
Date & Time:	10/02/1990, 1300 PDT	Registration:	N8281M
Aircraft:	CESSNA T210K	Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

NEARING THE END OF A CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT, THE PILOT REPORTED HE HAD THE AIRPORT IN SIGHT AND CLOSED HIS FLIGHT PLAN WHEN THE ENGINE LOST POWER. THE PILOT NOTIFIED THE CONTROLLER OF THE SITUATION AND WAS CLEARED FOR LANDING. UNABLE TO REACH THE AIRPORT, THE PILOT DIVERTED TO ANOTHER AIRSTRIP THAT WAS NEARBY. THE AIRPLANE LOST ALTITUDE AND THE PILOT WAS FORCED TO INITIATE A GEAR UP LANDING IN A CORN FIELD. DURING AN ENGINE INSPECTION, THE ENGINE WAS TORN DOWN AND NO MECHANICAL FAILURES OR MALFUNCTIONS WERE NOTED.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: A LOSS OF ENGINE POWER FOR UNDETERMINED REASONS.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL
Phase of Operation: CRUISE - NORMAL

Findings
1. REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Occurrence #3: GEAR NOT EXTENDED
Phase of Operation: LANDING

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	70
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	
Flight Time:	900 hours (Total, all aircraft), 500 hours (Total, this make and model), 760 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 31 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 24 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N8281M
Model/Series:	T210K T210K	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	SCHUYLER M. BISSELL	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	TSIO-520-H1
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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:	Overcast / 20000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Calm / ,
Temperature:	-18° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	GREAT FALLS, MT	Destination:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	DEBRA J ECKROTE	Adopted Date:	12/08/1992
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 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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