



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	LANCASTER, CA	Accident Number:	LAX89LA148
Date & Time:	04/01/1989, 1239 PST	Registration:	N3508Z
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-22	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

AFTER LANDING ON RWY 24, THE PLT ELECTED TO EXIT AT THE MIDFIELD INTERSECTION. AS HE WAS TAXIING OFF THE RWY, A STRONG GUST OF WIND OCCURRED WHICH BLEW THE ACFT OVER ON ITS TOP.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: IMPROPER PLANNING/DECISION BY THE PILOT. STRONG/GUSTY WINDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ACCIDENT.

Findings

Occurrence #1: NOSE OVER
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Findings

1. (C) PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - HIGH WIND
3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	46
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	
Flight Time:	300 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N3508Z
Model/Series:	PA-22 PA-22	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	UNKNOWN	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:	25 knots / , 290°
Temperature:	-18°C	Visibility	40 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	COTTONWOOD, AZ	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	WILLIAM J FOX AIRFIELD (WJF)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	24	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	5001 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):	SHELBY K ISBELL	Adopted Date:	04/19/1990
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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