



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

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| Location: | OXNARD, CA | Accident Number: | LAX87LA223 |
| Date & Time: | 06/02/1987, 2212 PDT | Registration: | N7320A |
| Aircraft: | CESSNA 152 | Injuries: | 2 Minor |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General Aviation - Personal | | |

Analysis

THE PILOT DEPARTED OXNARD ARPT ON A VFR FLT TO WHITEMANT ARPT, LOS ANGELES, CA. GRND WITNESS OBSVD THE AIRPLANE ENTER CLOUDS AND FOG AFTER CROSSING THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE ARPT BOUNDARY. THE AIRPLANE WAS THEN OBSVD IN A DESCENDING LEFT TURN SOUTH OF THE ARPT. WHERE IT COLLIDED WITH WIRES AND CRASHED. THE PLT REPTD THAT THE AIRPLANE SUSTAINED A POWER LOSS AND THAT HE WAS EXECUTING A FORCED LNDG; THE WITNESSES REPTD THAT THE ENGINE SOUND WAS STEADY THROUGHOUT THE CRASH SEQUENCE.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH WEATHER
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - LOW CEILING
3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - FOG
4. (C) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (C) VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - TURN TO REVERSE DIRECTION

Findings

6. OBJECT - WIRE, TRANSMISSION

Pilot Information

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| Certificate: | Private | Age: | 57 |
| Airplane Rating(s): | Single-engine Land | Instrument Rating(s): | None |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | None | Instructor Rating(s): | None |
| Flight Time: | 319 hours (Total, all aircraft), 319 hours (Total, this make and model), 290 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft) | | |

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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| Aircraft Make: | CESSNA | Registration: | N7320A |
| Model/Series: | 152 152 | Engines: | 1 Reciprocating |
| Operator: | CHECKINSKI, W. J. | Engine Manufacturer: | CONTINENTAL |
| Operating Certificate(s) Held: | None | Engine Model/Series: | O-200A |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General Aviation - Personal | | |

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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| Conditions at Accident Site: | Instrument Conditions | Condition of Light: | Night/Dark |
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | , 0 ft msl | Weather Information Source: | Witness |
| Lowest Ceiling: | Obscured / 600 ft agl | Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction: | Calm / , |
| Temperature: | 18°C | Visibility | 1 Miles |
| Precipitation and Obscuration: | | | |
| Departure Point: | | Destination: | LOS ANGELES, CA (WHP) |

Airport Information

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| Airport: | OXNARD (OXR) | Runway Surface Type: | Asphalt |
| Runway Used: | 25 | Runway Surface Condition: | Dry |
| Runway Length/Width: | 5950 ft / 100 ft | | |

Wreckage and Impact Information

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| Crew Injuries: | 1 Minor | Aircraft Damage: | Destroyed |
| Passenger Injuries: | 1 Minor | Aircraft Fire: | On-Ground |
| Ground Injuries: | N/A | Aircraft Explosion: | None |
| Latitude, Longitude: | | | |

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): A. D LLORENTE Adopted Date: 02/24/1989

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