



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	BECHAROF LAKE, AK	Accident Number:	ANC87LA090
Date & Time:	07/02/1987, 0600 AKD	Registration:	N8185W
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-32-301T	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT STATED HE WAS ROLLING OUT FOR TAKEOFF WHEN THE NOSE WHEEL STRUCK A SOFT AREA CAUSING THE AIRCRAFT TO GO UP ON ITS NOSE.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 2. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN
 3. (C) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA - NOT IDENTIFIED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - SOFT
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Occurrence #2: NOSE DOWN
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	54
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	352 hours (Total, all aircraft), 91 hours (Total, this make and model), 330 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 91 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 45 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N8185W
Model/Series:	PA-32-301T PA-32-301T	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	DON BROWN	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	T10-540
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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:	Broken / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Calm / ,
Temperature:	10° C	Visibility	15 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	DILLINGHAM, AK	Destination:	SOLDOTNA, AK (SXO)

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):	GEORGE KOBELNYK	Adopted Date:	05/09/1988
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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