



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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| Location: | BENSON, AZ | Accident Number: | LAX87LA255 |
| Date & Time: | 07/02/1987, 1400 MST | Registration: | N2123X |
| Aircraft: | BELL 206L-3 | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
| Defining Event: | | Injuries: | 1 Serious, 5 Minor |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter - Non-scheduled | | |

Pilot Information

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| Certificate: | Commercial | Age: | 33, Male |
| Airplane Rating(s): | Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land | Seat Occupied: | Right |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | Helicopter | Restraint Used: | Seatbelt, Shoulder harness |
| Instrument Rating(s): | Airplane | Second Pilot Present: | No |
| Instructor Rating(s): | Airplane Single-engine | Toxicology Performed: | No |
| Medical Certification: | Class 1 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim. | Last FAA Medical Exam: | 12/02/1986 |
| Occupational Pilot: | | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | |
| Flight Time: | 6700 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft) | | |

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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| Aircraft Make: | BELL | Registration: | N2123X |
| Model/Series: | 206L-3 206L-3 | Aircraft Category: | Helicopter |
| Year of Manufacture: | | Amateur Built: | No |
| Airworthiness Certificate: | Normal; Utility | Serial Number: | 51003 |
| Landing Gear Type: | Skid | Seats: | 7 |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | 07/01/1987, AAIP | Certified Max Gross Wt.: | 4250 lbs |
| Time Since Last Inspection: | 3 Hours | Engines: | 1 Turbo Shaft |
| Airframe Total Time: | 1485 Hours | Engine Manufacturer: | ALLISON |
| ELT: | Installed, not activated | Engine Model/Series: | 250-C30P |
| Registered Owner: | AIR SERVICES INTERNATIONAL | Rated Power: | 650 hp |
| Operator: | AIR SERVICES INTERNATIONAL | Operating Certificate(s) Held: | |

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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| Conditions at Accident Site: | Visual Conditions | Condition of Light: | Day |
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | TUS, 2641 ft msl | Distance from Accident Site: | 35 Nautical Miles |
| Observation Time: | 1505 MST | Direction from Accident Site: | 96° |
| Lowest Cloud Condition: | Clear / 0 ft agl | Visibility | 50 Miles |
| Lowest Ceiling: | None / 0 ft agl | Visibility (RVR): | 0 ft |
| Wind Speed/Gusts: | 7 knots / | Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Wind Direction: | 320° | Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Altimeter Setting: | 29 inches Hg | Temperature/Dew Point: | 40° C / 1° C |
| Precipitation and Obscuration: | | | |
| Departure Point: | WILLCOX, AZ (P33) | Type of Flight Plan Filed: | None |
| Destination: | TUCSON, AZ (TUS) | Type of Clearance: | None |
| Departure Time: | 1330 MST | Type of Airspace: | Class G |

Wreckage and Impact Information

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| Crew Injuries: | 1 Serious | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
| Passenger Injuries: | 5 Minor | Aircraft Fire: | None |
| Ground Injuries: | N/A | Aircraft Explosion: | None |
| Total Injuries: | 1 Serious, 5 Minor | Latitude, Longitude: | |

Administrative Information

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| Investigator In Charge (IIC): | THOMAS H WILCOX |
| Additional Participating Persons: | EARL NEWBERRY; SCOTTSDALE, AZ |
| 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/ . |