



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

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| Location: | KAHLITNA GLAC, AK | Accident Number: | ANC87LA145 |
| Date & Time: | 09/02/1987, 1145 AKD | Registration: | N42128 |
| Aircraft: | PIPER J3C-65 | Injuries: | 1 None |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General Aviation - Personal | | |

Analysis

THE PILOT STATED AFTER TOUCHDOWN ON THE LAKE, HE LOST DIRECTIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT CAUSING THE PLANE TO NOSE OVER ON ITS BACK AND THE AIRCRAFT SANK IN 20 TO 25 FEET OF WATER.

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: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) AIRCRAFT HANDLING - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) PROPER ALIGNMENT - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Pilot Information

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| Certificate: | Private | Age: | 70 |
| Airplane Rating(s): | Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea | Instrument Rating(s): | None |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | None | Instructor Rating(s): | None |
| Flight Time: | 1289 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1289 hours (Total, this make and model), 1250 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 23 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft) | | |

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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| Aircraft Make: | PIPER | Registration: | N42128 |
| Model/Series: | J3C-65 J3C-65 | Engines: | 1 Reciprocating |
| Operator: | WALTER C. OLSON | Engine Manufacturer: | CONTINENTAL |
| Operating Certificate(s) Held: | None | Engine Model/Series: | C85-8-F |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General Aviation - Personal | | |

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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| 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: | Calm / , |
| Temperature: | 16 °C | Visibility | 40 Miles |
| Precipitation and Obscuration: | | | |
| Departure Point: | Destination: | | |

Wreckage and Impact Information

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| 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

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| Investigator In Charge (IIC): | JAMES MICHELANGELO | Adopted Date: | 05/27/1988 |
| 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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