



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Incident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	CHICAGO, IL	<b>Incident Number:</b>	CHI87IA201
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	09/02/1987, 1905 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N8078U
<b>Aircraft:</b>	MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC-8-71	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	None
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor, 126 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 121: Air Carrier - Scheduled		

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## Pilot Information

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<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline Transport	<b>Age:</b>	54, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	Yes
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Unknown Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	14591 hours (Total, all aircraft), 5102 hours (Total, this make and model), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	MCDONNELL DOUGLAS	Registration:	N8078U
Model/Series:	DC-8-71 DC-8-71	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Transport	Serial Number:	45946
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	152
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Continuous Airworthiness	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	336000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	610 Hours	Engines:	4 Turbo Fan
Airframe Total Time:	56166 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	CFM
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	56-2C1
Registered Owner:	UNITED AIRLINES	Rated Power:	20560 lbs
Operator:	UNITED AIRLINES	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Flag carrier (121)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	UALA

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	ORD, 667 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1822 CDT	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	15 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	12 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	30°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	16 °C / 10 °C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	(ORD)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	SACRAMENTO, CA (SMF)	Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	0000	Type of Airspace:	Class B; Class D; Class E

## Airport Information

Airport:	O'HARE INTERNATIONAL (ORD)	Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	8 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	None
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 Minor, 118 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Minor, 126 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	STEVE WILSON
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	J. B JONES; SCHILLER PARK, IL B. MARSEY; CHICAGO, IL
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