



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	DILLINGHAM, AK	Accident Number:	ANC85LA049
Date & Time:	03/02/1985, 0925 AST	Registration:	N1715U
Aircraft:	CESSNA 207	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter - Non-scheduled		

Analysis

THE PLT WAS ATTEMPTING A 180 DEG TURN TO REVERSE DIRECTION AWAY FROM LOWERING CLOUDS AND SNOW SHOWERS WHEN THE RIGHT WING DUG INTO THE SNOW COVERED TERRAIN. THE PLT STATED A VIRTUAL 'WHITE OUT' CONDITION EXISTED AT THE TIME.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - TURN TO REVERSE DIRECTION

Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - SNOW
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - WHITEOUT
3. (C) VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) PROPER ALTITUDE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	60
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	4400 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3500 hours (Total, this make and model), 4400 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 220 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 110 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N1715U
Model/Series:	207 207	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	MANOKOTAK AIRWAYS, INC.	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-F
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter - Non-scheduled		

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:	Overcast / 1000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	6 knots / , 50°
Temperature:	-6° C	Visibility	2 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	DILLINGHAM, AK (DLG)	Destination:	MANOKOTAK, AK (17Z)

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	JAMES MICHELANGELO	Adopted Date:	
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