



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	SKWENTNA, AK	Accident Number:	ANC85LA051
Date & Time:	03/02/1985, 1200 AST	Registration:	N7889H
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-12	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LAND, ACFT STALLED IN RIGHT DOWNWIND TURN AND CONTACTED THE GROUND. PLT WAS UNAWARE OF THE 5 TO 7 MPH WIND.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: APPROACH

Findings

1. (C) PLANNED APPROACH - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) ALTITUDE - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

5. TERRAIN CONDITION - SNOW COVERED

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	35
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	1051 hours (Total, all aircraft), 732 hours (Total, this make and model), 958 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 37 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N7889H
Model/Series:	PA-12 PA-12	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	GREGORY F. PEPPERD	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-E2A
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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:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 330°
Temperature:	-12 °C	Visibility	90 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	WASILLA, AK (Z16)	Destination:	

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):	JAMES MICHELANGELO	Adopted Date:	
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