



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	ATLANTA, GA	Accident Number:	ATL85FKG05
Date & Time:	05/02/1985, 0714 EDT	Registration:	N902BH
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-31	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter - Non-scheduled		

Analysis

ON MAY 2, 1985, AT 0714 EDT, A PIPER PA-31, N902BH, REGISTERED TO PAUL M. FURNEE, WAS STRUCK BY A GROUND VEHICLE WHILE TAXIING FOR TAKE OFF AT HARTSFIELD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ATLANTA, GEORGIA ON AN AIRTAXI CARGO FLIGHT. INSTRUMENT METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS PREVAILED AT THE TIME AND AN IFR FLIGHT PLAN WAS FILED.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: TAXI - TO TAKEOFF

Findings

1. (C) VISUAL LOOKOUT - INADEQUATE - DRIVER OF VEHICLE
2. OBJECT - VEHICLE

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Commercial	Age:	27
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	4220 hours (Total, all aircraft), 81 hours (Total, this make and model), 4010 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 102 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N902BH
Model/Series:	PA-31 PA-31	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Operator:	READI-AIR	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)	Engine Model/Series:	TIO-540
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	ATL, 1026 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 400 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	10 knots / , 150°
Temperature:	16° C	Visibility	2 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ATLANTA, GA (ATL)	Destination:	SAVANNAH, GA (SAV)

Airport Information

Airport:	HARTSFIELD (ATL)	Runway Surface Type:	
Runway Used:	0	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	J KEETON	Adopted Date:	
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident docket 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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