



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

<b>Location:</b>	LA PORTE, TX	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW83LA103
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	02/03/1983, 1640 CST	<b>Registration:</b>	N4BX
<b>Aircraft:</b>	CESSNA P337H	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Executive/Corporate		

## Analysis

SHORTLY AFTER LIFT-OFF, THE ACFT STARTED ITS INITIAL CLIMB, THEN ENTERED A SLOW DESCENT. THE FLIGHT WAS CONTINUED UNTIL THE ACFT COLLIDED WITH A TV CABLE, SUSPENDED BELOW TELEPHONE CABLES ON THE SAME POLES. THE ACFT CONTACTED THE GROUND, BOUNCED & BECAME AIRBORNE 2 TIMES, THEN CONTINUED ON THE GROUND. THE PLANE CROSSED A ROAD, HIT A ROAD SIGN, RAN THROUGH A FENCE, HIT A DETACHED GARAGE, THEN FLIPPED INVERTED & STOPPED. THE PLT STATED THAT THE REAR ENGINE LOST EITHER PARTIAL OR ALL POWER. A MECHANIC REPORTED SEEING THE ACFT TAXI WITH THE AFT ENGINE NOT OPERATING. REPORTEDLY, HE WAS UNABLE TO STOP THE PLT TO TELL HIM. NO ROTATIONAL DAMAGE WAS NOTED ON THE AFT PROPELLER. DURING AN OPERATIONAL EXAM OF THE POWER PLANTS, THE AFT ENGINE CHECKED NORMAL, BUT THE FRONT ENGINE WOULD DEVELOP ONLY APRX 200 HP INSTEAD OF THE 225 RATED TAKEOFF HP DUE TO A FAULTY ENGINE TURBO CONTROLLER. THE PLT TOLD A POLICE OFFICER THAT HE HAD A COUPLE OF DRINKS & WAS ARRESTED FOR INTOXICATION WHEN HE REFUSED A BREATHALIZER TEST.

## Probable Cause

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

## Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(PARTIAL) - MECH FAILURE/MALF  
Phase of Operation: UNKNOWN

### Findings

1. (F) EXHAUST SYSTEM, TURBOCHARGER - FAILURE, PARTIAL

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

### Findings

2. (C) JUDGMENT - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) IMPAIRMENT(ALCOHOL) - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) PROCEDURES/DIRECTIVES - NOT FOLLOWED - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (F) AIRSPEED - NOT POSSIBLE - PILOT IN COMMAND
6. (C) STALL/MUSH - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND
7. (F) OBJECT - WIRE, TRANSMISSION

Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

Findings

- 8. (F) OBJECT - FENCE
- 9. (F) OBJECT - BUILDING(NONRESIDENTIAL)
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Occurrence #4: NOSE OVER  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline Transport	<b>Age:</b>	61
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>		<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	16698 hours (Total, all aircraft), 260 hours (Total, this make and model), 16232 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 112 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	CESSNA	<b>Registration:</b>	N4BX
<b>Model/Series:</b>	P337H P337H	<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Operator:</b>	TALMADGE TINSLEY CO., INC.	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	CONTINENTAL
<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	TSIO-360-C
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Executive/Corporate		

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual Conditions	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	, 0 ft msl	<b>Weather Information Source:</b>	Pilot
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None / 0 ft agl	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	5 knots / , 45°
<b>Temperature:</b>	16° C	<b>Visibility</b>	5 Miles
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>		<b>Destination:</b>	HUNTSVILLE, TX (T39)

### Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	LA PORTE (T41)	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Macadam
<b>Runway Used:</b>	4	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	3000 ft / 75 ft		

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	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):	J. O JOHNSON	Adopted Date:	
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 <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .		

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