



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	NORTHAMPTON, MA	Accident Number:	NYC84LA019
Date & Time:	11/01/1983, 1500 EST	Registration:	N54CW
Aircraft:	WICHAWK 1	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

ACCORDING TO THE PILOT THE APPROACH WAS TOO LOW AND TOO SLOW AND THE AIRCRAFT LANDED SHORT OF THE RUNWAY.

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: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

1. (C) PROPER DESCENT RATE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) PROPER TOUCHDOWN POINT - NOT ATTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	56
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Instructor Rating(s):	
Flight Time:	15 hours (Total, this make and model), 15 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	WICHAWK	Registration:	N54CW
Model/Series:	1 1	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	CHARLES MAXTED	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-470
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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:	Calm / ,
Temperature:	10° C	Visibility	50 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	MERIDEN, CT (MMK)	Destination:	NORTHAMPTON, MA (7B2)

Airport Information

Airport:	LAFLEUR (7B2)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	14	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	3500 ft / 150 ft		

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):	VERNON TAYLOR	Adopted Date:	
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