



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Argyle, NY	Accident Number:	NYC02LA024
Date & Time:	11/02/2001, 1410 EST	Registration:	N36SK
Aircraft:	Cessna 172D	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot stated that after takeoff, about 150 feet above the ground, the oil access door opened. The pilot decided to return for a landing, and made a left turn back towards the airport. During the turn, the airplane lost lift and impacted an alfalfa field about 1/2 mile short of the runway.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:
The pilot's failure to maintain aircraft control while maneuvering.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (C) AIRCRAFT CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	68
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	642 hours (Total, all aircraft), 31 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N36SK
Model/Series:	172D	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	Walter T. Fogg	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-300
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	GFL, 328 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	14 knots / 18 knots, 190°
Temperature:	21° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Argyle, NY (1C3)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	Argyle Airport (1C3)	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Runway Used:	21	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	2400 ft / 100 ft		

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):	Robert J Gretz	Adopted Date:	06/04/2002
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