



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	CHICKALOON, AK	Accident Number:	ANC02LA113
Date & Time:	09/02/2002, 1700 AKD	Registration:	N3233M
Aircraft:	Piper PA-12	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Positioning		

Analysis

The commercial certificated pilot was landing the tundra tire-equipped airplane on a remote airstrip to pick up a hunter. The gravel surface airstrip, oriented north/south, is about 900 feet long and 10 feet wide. The pilot said he was landing toward the north. During the landing roll, the pilot reported that the tail came up too high, and the airplane nosed over. The airplane received damage to the propeller, cowling, right wing, the right wing lift strut, and the top of the rudder.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain control of the airplane during the landing roll, which precipitated a nose over.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

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

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	58
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	3500 hours (Total, all aircraft), 30 hours (Total, this make and model), 3500 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 120 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 80 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N3233M
Model/Series:	PA-12	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	GRASSHOPPER AVIATION	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)	Engine Model/Series:	O-320
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Weather Information Source:	Pilot
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Calm / ,
Temperature:	13° C	Visibility	50 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	WASILLA, AK (PAWS)	Destination:	CHICKALOON, AK

Airport Information

Airport:	CHICKALOON AIRSTRIP	Runway Surface Type:	Gravel
Runway Used:	36	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	900 ft / 10 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:	62.096944, -148.214722		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	SCOTT ERICKSON	Adopted Date:	04/18/2003
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 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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