



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	TEMPLE, TX	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW82DA074
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	03/01/1982, 1100 CST	<b>Registration:</b>	N2395L
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PIPER PA-38-112	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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## Analysis

THE PILOT DECIDED TO PRACTICE TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS ON RUNWAY 15 WITH THE WIND FROM 190 DEGREES AT 20 GUSTING 30 KTS. DURING THE FIRST LANDING, THE AIRCRAFT TOUCHED DOWN, BOUNCED/BALLOONED, THEN TOUCHED DOWN HARD IN A NOSE DOWN ATTITUDE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY DAMAGED WHEN THE NOSE GEAR FAILED.

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

## Findings

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Occurrence #1: HARD LANDING  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

### Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - HIGH WIND
  2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND
  3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS
  4. (C) LEVEL OFF - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
  5. (C) RECOVERY FROM BOUNCED LANDING - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: NOSE GEAR COLLAPSED  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

### Findings

6. (F) LANDING GEAR, NOSE GEAR - OVERLOAD

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Unknown
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>		<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	10/18/1981
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	900 hours (Total, all aircraft), 5 hours (Total, this make and model)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	PIPER	<b>Registration:</b>	N2395L
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA-38-112 PA-38-112	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>		<b>Serial Number:</b>	38-79A0692
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	Unknown	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	1690 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	80 Hours	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	856 Hours	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-235-L2C
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	TEMPLE AVIATION INC.	<b>Rated Power:</b>	112 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	TEMPLE AVIATION INC.	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	0 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	20 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	190°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	/ 0° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	TEMPLE, TX (TPI)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	TEMPLE, TX (TPI)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0000	Type of Airspace:	

## Airport Information

Airport:	TEMPLE MUNICIPAL (TPI)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	0 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	15	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:	6500 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	

## 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
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):		Report Date:	03/01/1983
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish 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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