



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	ROCKPORT, TX	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW82DA206
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	06/01/1982, 0730 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N1233L
<b>Aircraft:</b>	LAKE LA-4-200	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	3 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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## Analysis

A PARTIAL LOSS OF POWER WAS EXPERIENCED DURING TAKEOFF AND A FORCED LANDING WAS MADE ON A ROAD. AS THE PILOT WAS LANDING, A CAR PULLED OUT ON THE ROAD AHEAD OF THE AIRCRAFT. WHILE MANUEVERING TO THE RIGHT TO AVOID THE CAR, THE RIGHT WING STRUCK A ROAD SIGN AND THE PLANE SWERVED INTO A DITCH. THE PILOT STATED THAT HE TOOK A FUEL SAMPLE FROM HIS FUEL TANK AND AN EXAMINATION BY AN INDEPENDENT LABORATORY REVEALED THAT IT CONTAINED FIVE PERCENT JET FUEL.

## 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: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(PARTIAL) - NONMECHANICAL  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

### Findings

1. (C) FLUID,FUEL - CONTAMINATION
2. (C) AIRCRAFT SERVICE - IMPROPER

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Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

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Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

### Findings

3. (F) OBJECT - VEHICLE
4. MANEUVER - PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (F) OBJECT

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	52, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	<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>	Unknown Invalid Medical for flight	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	396 hours (Total, all aircraft), 166 hours (Total, this make and model), 296 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 9 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	LAKE	<b>Registration:</b>	N1233L
<b>Model/Series:</b>	LA-4-200 LA-4-200	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>		<b>Serial Number:</b>	733
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Amphibian	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	Unknown	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2690 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	0 Hours	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	619 Hours	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-360-A1B
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTORS INC.	<b>Rated Power:</b>	200 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTORS 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	15 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	60°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	75° C / 0° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ROCKPORT, TX	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	ROCKPORT, TX	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0728	Type of Airspace:	

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	3 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Report Date:	06/01/1983
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:pubinquiry@ntsb.gov">pubinquiry@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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