



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Incident Data Summary

Location:	BOISE, ID	Incident Number:	SEA83IA027
Date & Time:	12/01/1982, 2127 MST	Registration:	N785NC
Aircraft:	MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC-9-51	Injuries:	22 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 121: Air Carrier - Scheduled		

Analysis

SHORTLY AFTER CLIMBOUT FROM DENVER THE FIRST OFFICER NOTICED THE CAPTAIN TWITCH AND ASKED IF HE WAS OKAY. THE CAPTAIN ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY BUT DROPPED HIS OXYGEN MASK AT THE CO-PILOT'S SUGGESTION. ABOUT 20 MINUTES LATER THE CAPTAIN STIFFENED WITH HIS LEFT FOOT PRESSING THE LEFT RUDDER PEDAL AS THE AIRCRAFT DESCENDED THROUGH 10000 FT APPROACHING BOISE. A STEWARDESS AND PASSENGER REMOVED THE CAPTAIN FROM HIS SEAT AND LAID HIM ON THE FLOOR. THE CO-PILOT DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND CONTINUED THE APPROACH, LANDING WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. AN AMBULANCE MET THE FLIGHT AND TOOK THE CAPTAIN TO THE HOSPITAL. EKG AND BLOOD CHEMISTRY TESTS SHOWED RESULTS COMPATIBLE WITH MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - NORMAL

Findings

1. (C) AIRCRAFT HANDLING - NOT POSSIBLE - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) INCAPACITATION(CARDIOVASCULAR) - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Commercial	Age:	47
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	9600 hours (Total, all aircraft), 4000 hours (Total, this make and model), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	MCDONNELL DOUGLAS	Registration:	N785NC
Model/Series:	DC-9-51 DC-9-51	Engines:	2 Turbo Fan
Operator:	REPUBLIC AIRLINES, INC.	Engine Manufacturer:	P & W
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Flag carrier (121)	Engine Model/Series:	JT8D-17
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	BOI, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	12 knots / , 290°
Temperature:	34° C	Visibility	15 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	DENVER, CO (DEN)	Destination:	ROCKY MOUNT, NC

Airport Information

Airport:	GOWEN FIELD (BOI)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	28	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	9763 ft / 190 ft		

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	5 None	Aircraft Damage:	None
Passenger Injuries:	17 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None

Latitude, Longitude:

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Adopted Date: 12/01/1983
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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