



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Eastman, GA	Accident Number:	ATL03LA022
Date & Time:	12/03/2002, 1407 EST	Registration:	N289HG
Aircraft:	Piper PA-28-161	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Instructional		

Analysis

The pilot was taxiing on the ramp for parking. He failed to maintain a visual lookout while applying left rudder to stop a turn and inadvertently stepped on his headset cord. His head jerked downward and he became distracted while attempting to untangle his head from the headset cord. The airplane continued forward and collided with a hangar.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilots failure to maintain a visual lookout resulting in the subsequent on ground collision with a hangar.

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Findings

1. OBJECT - HANGAR/AIRPORT BUILDING
2. (C) VISUAL LOOKOUT - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	20
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	83 hours (Total, all aircraft), 83 hours (Total, this make and model), 47 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 23 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N289HG
Model/Series:	PA-28-161	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	Georgia Aviation and Technical College	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-D3G
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	VDI, 274 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 290°
Temperature:	21° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Augusta, GA (AGS)	Destination:	Eastman, GA (EZM)

Airport Information

Airport:	Heart of Georgia (EZM)	Runway Surface Type:	Unknown
Runway Used:		Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:			

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:	32.369722, -81.963889		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Carrol A Smith	Adopted Date:	05/30/2003
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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