



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	Shelter Cove, CA	Accident Number:	LAX05CA252
Date & Time:	08/01/2005, 1230 PDT	Registration:	N375Z
Aircraft:	Beech 35-A33	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	3 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Personal

On August 1, 2005, about 1230 Pacific daylight time, the pilot flying a Beech 35-A33, N375Z, collided with the ground just off the runway's departure end during an attempted go-around at the Shelter Cove (uncontrolled) Airport, Shelter Cove, California. Neither the private pilot nor the two passengers was injured. The airplane was substantially damaged. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed during the personal flight, and no flight plan was filed. The flight originated from Auburn, California, about 1040.

The pilot verbally reported to the National Transportation Safety Board investigator that the airplane was a little high and its airspeed was too fast during his landing approach, so he elected to go around. The pilot stated that he abruptly pushed the engine's throttle forward to obtain full engine power. The engine responded, and power increased. Thereafter, the airplane stalled, and it descended a few feet until colliding hard into the terrain. The pilot also stated that no mechanical malfunctions were experienced during the flight. His airplane had worked flawlessly, and the accident resulted from his "pilot error."

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	74, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 With Waivers/Limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	02/01/2004
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	4800 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3800 hours (Total, this make and model), 40 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N375Z
Model/Series:	35-A33	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	CD-259
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	IO-470J
Registered Owner:	Joseph J. Miller	Rated Power:	hp
Operator:	Joseph J. Miller	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered	Visibility	20 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	300°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	21 °C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	AUBURN, CA (AUN)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	SHELTER COVE, CA (0Q5)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1040 PDT	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	SHELTER COVE (0Q5)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	17 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	30	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3400 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop; Go Around

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	40.025278, -124.070556

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Wayne Pollack
Additional Participating Persons:	Harold Kernaham; Federal Aviation Administration; Oakland, CA
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
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