



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Duluth, MN	Accident Number:	CHI07CA253
Date & Time:	08/01/2007, 1037 CDT	Registration:	N5016E
Aircraft:	Cessna 180A	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The airplane was substantially damaged when it impacted terrain during an aborted landing attempt on runway 14, 3050 feet long, by 75 feet wide, dry asphalt. The pilot stated that as he was lowering the tailwheel to the runway, he impacted two geese. The airplane started to "turn to the right" while the pilot tried to correct using left brake, left rudder, and right aileron control inputs. The pilot then added full engine power "to get back in the air." The left wing subsequently contacted the runway and the airplane "flipped on its back" and came to rest inverted.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain directional control, which resulted in impact with terrain during an attempted aborted landing. A factor in the accident was the geese impacted during the landing roll.

Findings

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

Findings

1. TERRAIN CONDITION - RUNWAY
2. (F) OBJECT - ANIMAL(S)

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

3. TERRAIN CONDITION - RUNWAY
4. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ABORTED

Findings

5. TERRAIN CONDITION - RUNWAY

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	43
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	622 hours (Total, all aircraft), 450 hours (Total, this make and model), 590 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Cessna	Registration:	N5016E
Model/Series:	180A	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	On file	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-470R
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	DYT, 610 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Lowest Ceiling:	None
Condition of Light:	Day	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	21 knots/ 25 knots, 220°
Temperature:	28° C / 20° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Two Harbors, MN (TWM)	Destination:	Duluth, MN (DYT)

Airport Information

Airport:	RICHARD B HELGESON (DYT)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	14	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	3050 ft / 75 ft		

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	John M Brannen	Adopted Date:	08/30/2007
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
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