



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Watertown, WI	Accident Number:	CEN12CA406
Date & Time:	07/01/2012, 0900 CDT	Registration:	N6580P
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-24	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot stated that he forgot to extend the landing gear prior to landing on the runway. The airplane touched down and slid to a stop. A postimpact fire ensued, which resulted in substantial damage to the airplane. No preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures were found that would have precluded normal operation.

Flight Events

Landing - Landing gear not configured

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to extend the landing gear before landing.

Findings

Aircraft-Aircraft systems-Landing gear system-(general)-Not used/operated - C
Personnel issues-Action/decision-Action-Forgotten action/omission-Pilot - C

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Commercial	Age:	73
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	16000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 600 hours (Total, this make and model), 13 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:	PIPER	Registration:	N6580P
Model/Series:	PA-24	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	On file	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O&VO-360 SER
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	KRYV, 833 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:	3 knots, 110°
Temperature:	25° C / 16° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Waukesha, WI (KUES)	Destination:	Watertown, WI (KRYV)

Airport Information

Airport:	Watertown Municipal Airport (KRYV)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	05	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	4429 ft / 75 ft		

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Jennifer Rodi	Adopted Date:	09/13/2012
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
Investigation Docket:	http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=84133		

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