



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Milwaukee, WI	Accident Number:	CEN13LA004
Date & Time:	10/04/2012, 2010 CDT	Registration:	N894AT
Aircraft:	BOEING 717-200	Injuries:	108 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 121: Air Carrier - Scheduled		

Analysis

The regularly scheduled domestic passenger flight arrived at its gate and passengers began deplaning. A catering truck approached the right front service door. The catering truck driver said he applied the brakes three times in an attempt to stop the truck before it struck the airplane. The truck driver subsequently found that a “sleeve of hot/cold cups” rolled under the brake pedal and obstructed its movement.

Flight Events

Standing-engine(s) not oper - Aircraft servicing event

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: An obstruction (a sleeve of cups) that lodged under the catering truck brake pedal, which prevented the driver from stopping the truck before it struck the parked airplane.

Findings

Environmental issues-Physical environment-Object/animal/substance-Ground vehicle-Effect on equipment - C

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Age:
Airplane Rating(s):	Instrument Rating(s):
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Instructor Rating(s):
Flight Time:	

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	BOEING	Registration:	N894AT
Model/Series:	717-200	Engines:	2 Turbo Fan
Operator:	Southwest Airlines, Inc.	Engine Manufacturer:	Rolls Royce
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	Flag carrier (121)	Engine Model/Series:	BR715C1-30
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	KMKE, 729 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 8500 ft agl
Condition of Light:	Night	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	11 knots, 250°
Temperature:	14°C / 6°C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Atlanta, GA (KATL)	Destination:	Milwaukee, WI (KMKE)

Airport Information

Airport:	General Mitchell International (KMKE)	Runway Surface Type:	
Runway Used:	N/A	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	5 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	103 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Arnold W Scott	Adopted Date:	01/22/2013
Investigation Docket:	http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=85253		

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