



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Apalachicola, FL	Accident Number:	ERA15CA093
Date & Time:	01/01/2015, 1630 EST	Registration:	N657MC
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-46-350P	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

After landing, the pilot taxied to the fixed base operator to park. As he approached the parking ramp, a lineman stood in front of a tie-down spot and raised both hands in the air signaling to the pilot where to park. The spot was next to a parked jet. The pilot said that while taxiing to the parking spot he was concentrating on staying clear of the jet and did not see a light pole located at the edge of the ramp. The right wing struck the pole resulting in structural damage to the wing.

Flight Events

Taxi - Ground collision

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's inadequate visual lookout while taxiing, which resulted in the airplane striking a pole.

Findings

Personnel issues-Psychological-Attention/monitoring-Monitoring environment-Pilot - C

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	57
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	2633 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1545 hours (Total, this make and model), 2633 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 35 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 17 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	PIPER	Registration:	N657MC
Model/Series:	PA-46-350P	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	CHICOLA MONTY V	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None	Engine Model/Series:	TIO-540 SER
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	AAF, 50 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, 140°
Temperature:	10° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Pensacola, FL (PNS)	Destination:	Apalachicola, FL (AAF)

Airport Information

Airport:	APALACHICOLA REGIONAL (AAF)	Runway Surface Type:	N/A
Runway Used:	N/A	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:			

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):	Leah D Yeager	Adopted Date:	06/09/2015
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=90576		

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