



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Palmer Lake, CO	Accident Number:	CEN16FA116
Date & Time:	03/02/2016, 0845 MST	Registration:	N6464
Aircraft:	CURTISS WRIGHT TRAVEL AIR 4000	Injuries:	2 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On March 2, 2016, about 0800 mountain standard time, a Curtis Wright, Travel Air 4000 airplane, N6464, was destroyed when it impacted the ground following an apparent loss of control near Palmer Lake, Colorado. A postimpact fire ensued. The pilot and passenger were fatally injured. The aircraft was registered to and operated by the pilot under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 as a personal flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the flight, which was not on a flight plan. The flight originated from the Vance Brand Airport, near Longmont, Colorado, about 0715.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	CURTISS WRIGHT	Registration:	N6464
Model/Series:	TRAVEL AIR 4000 NO SERIES	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	On file	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	COS	Observation Time:	1454 UTC
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 12000 ft agl	Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling:		Temperature/Dew Point:	9°C / -9°C
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	12 knots, 80°	Visibility	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.88 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Departure Point:	LONGMONT, CO (LMO)	Destination:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	On-Ground
Total Injuries:	2 Fatal		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): John M Brannen

Additional Participating Persons:

Note: The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident.