



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Lodi, CA	Accident Number:	WPR20LA133
Date & Time:	04/28/2020, 1752 PDT	Registration:	N3386T
Aircraft:	Cessna 177	Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On April 28, 2020, about 1752 Pacific daylight time, a Cessna 177 airplane, N3386T, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Lodi, California. The pilot sustained minor injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

The student pilot reported that about 15 minutes after takeoff, at an altitude of 1,400 ft mean sea level, he observed oil on the windscreen which was followed by a loud noise and a loss of engine power. The pilot attempted to restart the engine but was unsuccessful and initiated a forced landing to a nearby field. Subsequently, the airplane landed hard and came to rest upright.

Postaccident examination of the airplane by a Federal Aviation Administration inspector revealed that the airplane sustained structural damage to the fuselage. Oil residue was observed on the right side of the fuselage. The wreckage was recovered to a secure location for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N3386T
Model/Series:	177 Undesignat	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KSCK, 27 ft msl	Observation Time:	0055 UTC
Distance from Accident Site:	18 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	33° C / 12° C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	4 knots / , 310°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.94 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Lodi, CA (103)	Destination:	Lodi, CA (103)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	38.196111, -121.248889 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Joshua Cawthra
Additional Participating Persons:	
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.