

NTSB Follow up Questions

1. Did the airplane have a stall warning system installed?

- Yes, the aircraft is equipped with a stall warning system.

2. Do you know how high you were when the airplane stalled (like 500 feet above ground level for example)?

- I stalled the aircraft out at tree top level which would probably be about 30 foot off the ground.

3. How much chemical was in the hopper at the time of the accident?

- Slightly less than 170 gallons, which is what I began with.

4. What type of chemical was being used in the hopper?

- Herbicide.

5. What type of field (crop) were you spraying?

- Pasture land was the field being sprayed.

6. Did you perform an emergency hopper dump when the airplane stalled?

- Yes, I attempted to dump the load. I had been fertilizing in the aircraft earlier in the year and I had the stop on the dump handle down and this would not allow the fluid in the hopper to be released as quickly.

7. I know from when we spoke on the telephone the other day, you mentioned that you were wearing a flight helmet. Can you please send me a few photos of the flight helmet?

- Yes, pictures will be attached.

8. I understand that the Cessna T188C Owner's Manual does not require flight helmet usage, unlike the Airplane Flight Manuals that are published by Air Tractor and Thrush for example. Does the operator require you to wear a flight helmet or it is just a personal choice?

- I guess I would say that it is a personal choice and the example that was set for me by the owner of the business when I began flying for him. Although it was never addressed as a dictated mandate, it was just assumed that you wear a helmet to provide the most protection possible.