

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
OFFICE OF AVIATION SAFETY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 24,2000

**AIRWORTHINESS GROUP CHAIRMAN'S  
FACTUAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

A. ACCIDENT: NYC99MA178  
LOCATION: Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts  
DATE: July 16, 1999  
TIME: 2141 eastern daylight time (EDT)  
AIRCRAFT Piper PA-32R-301; N9253N

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