

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
Office of Aviation Safety  
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ERRATA/ADDENDUM  
STRUCTURES/SYSTEMS GROUP CHAIRMAN'S FACTUAL REPORT

DCA-97-MA-059

A. ACCIDENT

Operator: Fine Airlines Inc.  
Location: Miami, Florida  
Date: August 7, 1997  
Time: 1236 Eastern Daylight Time  
Aircraft: Douglas DC-8-61, N27UA, SN: 45942

C. SUMMARY

On August 7, 1997, about 1236 eastern daylight time, a Douglas DC-8-61, N27UA, registered to Agro Air Associates Inc., operated by Fine Airlines Inc., as a 14 CFR Part 121 non-scheduled cargo flight crashed on takeoff from Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and an IFR flight plan was filed. The airline transport pilot-in-command, commercial pilot first officer, flight engineer, one passenger, and one occupant in a privately owned vehicle were fatally injured. The airplane was destroyed and a postcrash fire ensued. The flight was originating at the time of the accident.

D. DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION

a. Fuselage

7<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Add the following sentence to the end:

"Pallet locks with an ( ) around them were removed in the presence of the NTSB for examination, and were reinstalled by Fine Airlines Inc., maintenance personnel."

  
Carrol A. (Corky) Smith  
Structures/Systems Group Chairman