



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	LINCOLN, Illinois	Accident Number:	CHI85LA006
Date & Time:	October 8, 1984, 17:45 Local	Registration:	N44730
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-34-200T	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

ACCORDING TO THE PILOT TOUCHDOWN OCCURRED ON THE FIRST THIRD OF THE RWY AND BRAKING SEEMED INEFFECTIVE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT AS BRAKE PRESSURE WAS INCREASED THE SEAT BACK FAILED. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAA EXAMINED THE SEAT AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: OVERRUN
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
1. (C) ABORTED LANDING - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
2. OBJECT - RUNWAY LIGHT

Occurrence #3: MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

3. LANDING GEAR,MAIN GEAR - OVERLOAD

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	61, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 31, 1984
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	901 hours (Total, all aircraft), 34 hours (Total, this make and model), 777 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 26 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N44730
Model/Series:	PA-34-200T PA-34-200T	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	34-7570005
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	7
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 1, 1984 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	4570 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1213 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	TSIO-360-E1
Registered Owner:	WM. J. THUERWACHTER	Rated Power:	200 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	15 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	180°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C / 16°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	SHELBYVILLE , IL (2HO)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	17:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	LOGAN CO. 3LC	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	594 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	21	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2492 ft / 70 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	40.150798,-89.360534(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Kleckner, Pamela

Additional Participating Persons: WM. KEISER; SPRINGFIELD, IL

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Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=12925>

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