



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: SAINT GEORGE, Utah Accident Number: DEN88LA192

Date & Time: August 29, 1988, 07:30 Local Registration: N5028U

Aircraft: CESSNA 206 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation

Analysis

DRG THE LANDING ROLL, THE NOSE GEAR COLLAPSED, THEN THE ACFT VEERED OFF THE RWY, ENCTRD SOFT DIRT/GRAVEL TERRAIN & NOSED OVER. A POST-ACDNT INSPN REVEALED THAT TWO ATTACHING BOLTS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE NOSE GEAR YOKE HAD FAILED & THAT THE TWO BOLTS ON THE RIGHT SIDE WERE BENT. THE LEFT FORWARD BOLT HAD EVIDENCE OF A PREVIOUS CRACK, IN THAT THE FRACTURE AREA WAS DARK & RUSTED. THE LEFT REAR BOLT WAS STRAIGHT, BUT HAD FAILED AT THE THREAD BASE. THERE WAS EVIDENCE THE RIGHT ATTACHING BOLTS HAD BECOME BENT AS THE NOSE GEAR FORK COLLAPSED TO THE RIGHT.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: NOSE GEAR COLLAPSED Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) LANDING GEAR, NOSE GEAR ATTACH POINT - FATIGUE

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

2. DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT POSSIBLE
3. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - UNCONTROLLED

Occurrence #3: NOSE OVER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - SOFT

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	54,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 29, 1987
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	443 hours (Total, all aircraft), 192 hours (Total, this make and model), 443 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 30 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 13 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N5028U
Model/Series:	206 206	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	2060028
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 15, 1988 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	19 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	7453 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-A
Registered Owner:	CROCK, ROBERT C	Rated Power:	285 Horsepower
Operator:	CROCK, ROBERT C.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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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:	0°		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg		Temperature/Dew Point:	18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscurati	on; No Precipit	ation	
Departure Point:	PAROWAN	, UT (1L9)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Destination:	(SGU)		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	07:05 Local		Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

Airport:	SAINT GEORGE MUNI SGU	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	2938 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	16	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	6100 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	37.179641,-113.599166(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):

Additional Participating Persons:

Original Publish Date:

Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class:

Note:

Investigation Docket:

https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=17533

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