

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	ERIE, Colorado		Accident Number:	DEN90LA134
Date & Time:	June 13, 1990, 15:50	Local	Registration:	N8389Q
Aircraft:	CESSNA	A185F	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional			

Analysis

THE ATP-RATED CHECK PILOT-IN-COMMAND WAS EVALUATING A COMMERCIAL PILOT FOR AIRCRAFT RENTAL AND INSURANCE PURPOSES. BOTH PILOTS WERE WELL EXPERIENCED IN THE AIRPLANE. THE COMMERCIAL PILOT LANDED THE AIRPLANE ON GRASS BETWEEN THE RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY. DURING THE ROLLOUT, THE LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR STRUCK A LARGE ROCK AND SEPARATED FROM THE AIRPLANE. THE LEFT WING AND PROPELLER STRUCK THE GROUND, AND THE AIRPLANE SLID 300 FEET BEFORE TURNING 90 DEGREES TO THE LEFT AND COMING TO A HALT.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: FAILURE OF THE PILOT RECEIVING INSTRUCTION TO CHOOSE SUITABLE TERRAIN FOR THE LANDING. CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACCIDENT WAS THE CFI'S INADEQUATE SUPERVISION.

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

- 1. (C) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA SELECTED DUAL STUDENT
- 2. (F) SUPERVISION INADEQUATE PILOT IN COMMAND(CFI)

3. OBJECT - OTHER

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	42,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	March 30, 1990
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	4900 hours (Total, all aircraft), 500 hours (Total, this make and model), 4200 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 105 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 40 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N8389Q
Model/Series:	A185F A185F	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	18503678
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	0 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-D
Registered Owner:	GALLOWAY, DARYL, BENTON	Rated Power:	300 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	90 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	-18°C / -18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	LONGMONT , CO (2V2)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	15:40 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	TRI-COUNTY 48V	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	5151 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	15	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5400 ft / 65 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	40.020374,-105.039634(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Scott, Arnold	
Additional Participating Persons:	STEVE SCULLY; DENVER , CO	
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Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=17951	

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