



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	BROOMFIELD, Colorado	<b>Accident Number:</b>	DEN90LA148
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	June 29, 1990, 09:15 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N6391P
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PIPER PA24-250	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

THE PILOT, WITH HIS PASSENGER/SON, WAS IN THE LANDING PATTERN AT JEFFERSON COUNTY AIRPORT, BROOMFIELD, COLORADO. HE SAID THAT HE WAS DISTRACTED BY ANOTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE LANDING PATTERN AND FORGOT TO LOWER THE LANDING GEAR. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED WITH THE GEAR UP.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE FAILURE OF THE PILOT TO EXTEND THE LANDING GEAR FOR LANDING. CONTRIBUTING FACTORS WERE THE PILOT DIVERTING HIS ATTENTION FROM THE TASK AT HAND AND FAILURE TO USE A CHECKLIST.

## Findings

Occurrence #1: GEAR NOT EXTENDED  
Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - FINAL APPROACH

- Findings
1. (F) CHECKLIST - NOT USED - PILOT IN COMMAND
  2. (F) DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND
  3. WHEELS UP LANDING - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND
  4. (C) GEAR EXTENSION - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: HARD LANDING  
Phase of Operation: LANDING

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	49, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Unknown
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>		<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	September 30, 1988
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	UNK	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	695 hours (Total, all aircraft), 6 hours (Total, this make and model), 565 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 6 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	PIPER	<b>Registration:</b>	N6391P
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA24-250 PA24-250	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>		<b>Serial Number:</b>	24-1501
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	Unknown	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2900 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	0 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>		<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-540-A1D5
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	DAVID R. TOBLER	<b>Rated Power:</b>	250 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	BJC ,5658 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>	09:15 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered / 25000 ft AGL	<b>Visibility</b>	40 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	4 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	80°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>		<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	-18°C / -18°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	LONGMONT , CO (ZV2)	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	09:30 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	JEFFERSON COUNTY BJC	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	5658 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	29R	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	9000 ft / 100 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Traffic pattern

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	On-ground
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	On-ground
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	2 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	39.88972,-105.10913(est)

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Tranter, Verlin

**Additional Participating Persons:**

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**Last Revision Date:**

**Investigation Class:** [Class](#)

**Note:**

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=17963>

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