



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Tracy, CA	Accident Number:	WPR26LA060
Date & Time:	December 15, 2025, 15:26 UTC	Registration:	N360FV
Aircraft:	BEECHCRAFT CORP G36	Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On December 15, 2025, about 1526 Pacific standard time, a Beechcraft G36, N360FV, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Tracy, California. The pilot sustained minor injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

According to the pilot, he departed Palo Alto Airport (PAO), Palo Alto, California enroute to Lake Tahoe, California following a recent engine overhaul that was completed about 10 hours prior to the accident flight. About 35 minutes into the flight, while maintaining straight and level flight at about 17,000 feet mean sea level, the pilot received an oil pressure alert and noticed a gradual decrease in engine oil pressure. In response to the oil pressure indication, the pilot reduced power to cool the engine and configured the airplane for best glide speed.

The pilot then contacted Air Traffic Control (ATC), informed them of the emergency, and requested vectors to Livermore Airport (LVK), Livermore, California. Approximately five minutes later, the engine began to run rough, which was followed by a loud bang and white smoke along with oil on the engine cowling and windscreen. Smoke also entered the cockpit, significantly reducing visibility and requiring the pilot to adjust the cannula for maximum airflow.

The pilot determined that reaching LVK was not possible and declared an emergency, requesting vectors to Tracy Municipal Airport (TCY), Tracy, California. The pilot attempted to glide to TCY but landed short, coming to rest in an irrigation canal after sliding through a field.

Preliminary examination revealed the airplane sustained substantial damage to the engine compartment and fuselage.

The airplane was recovered and retained for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECHCRAFT CORP	Registration:	N360FV
Model/Series:	G36	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	IMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KTCY,194 ft msl	Observation Time:	15:16 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	2 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	7°C /7°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 600 ft AGL	Visibility:	3 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.27 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:	Palo Alto, CA (PAO)	Destination:	Palo Alto, CA (PAO)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	37.692888,-121.40115 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Slinker, Stanley
Additional Participating Persons:	Benjamin Brillo; FAA; Oakland , CA
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.