

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	LONGVIEW, Texas		Accident Number:	FTW84LA148
Date & Time:	February 25, 1984, 1	7:40 Local	Registration:	N2491N
Aircraft:	CESSNA	140	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General avia	ition - Personal		

Analysis

THE PLT LANDED IN AN ROUGH SURFACE OVERRUN AREA MARKED BY PAINTED TIRES AS UNUSABLE. THE RIGHT MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED AFTER TOUCHDOWN AND THE ACFT SLID TO A STOP. THE PLT SAID HE DID NOT SEE THE TIRES MARKING THE OVERRUN UNTIL AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: UNDERSHOOT Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

1. (C) VISUAL LOOKOUT - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND

2. (C) VISUAL/AURAL PERCEPTION - PILOT IN COMMAND

3. (C) PROCEDURES/DIRECTIVES - NOT UNDERSTOOD - PILOT IN COMMAND

- 4. (C) TOTAL PILOT IN COMMAND
- 5. (C) PROPER TOUCHDOWN POINT NOT ATTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL Findings 6. (F) LANDING GEAR,MAIN GEAR ATTACHMENT - OVERLOAD 7. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	20.Male
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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:	None Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 16, 1982
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	97 hours (Total, all aircraft), 82 hours (Total, this make and model), 43 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 6 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N2491N
Model/Series:	140 140	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	12744
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 20, 1983 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1450 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	C85-12
Registered Owner:	RANSFORD A. HEATWOLE	Rated Power:	85 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Supplemental
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	30 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 15 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	155°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	16°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	16:40 Local	Type of Airspace:	Airport advisory area

Airport Information

Airport:	EAST SIDE 33F	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	373 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	13	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2400 ft / 75 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:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Mc fall, Tommy	
Additional Participating Persons:	CHARLES F FROST; DALLAS , TX	
Original Publish Date:		
Last Revision Date:		
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=21270	

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