



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	BRAITHWAITE, Louisiana	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW84LA162
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	March 3, 1984, 15:30 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N7368H
<b>Aircraft:</b>	CESSNA A185F	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor, 1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

THE PLT SAID THAT WHEN HE APPLIED POWER FOR TAKEOFF HE OVERCORRECTED AND THE ACFT VEERED RIGHT. HE ATTEMPTED TO ABORT BUT SAW A DITCH AND REAPPLIED POWER. THE ACFT HIT THE DITCH AND COLLAPSED THE LANDING GEAR. THE PLT THOUGHT MAYBE THE BRAKES LOCKED BUT AN FAA INSPECTOR EXAMINED THE ACFT & FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A BRAKE MALFUNCTION

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

### Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

#### Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND
  2. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
  3. (C) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - NOT CORRECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
  4. ABORTED TAKEOFF - INITIATED - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

Findings

5. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

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Occurrence #3: MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

Findings

6. LANDING GEAR,MAIN GEAR - OVERLOAD

## Factual Information

\*\*This report was modified on April 21, 2008.\*\* The docket is stored on NTSB microfiche number 23922.

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline transport	<b>Age:</b>	39, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Helicopter	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 1 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	December 14, 1983
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	UNK	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	14429 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1065 hours (Total, this make and model), 13839 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 113 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	CESSNA	<b>Registration:</b>	N7368H
<b>Model/Series:</b>	A185F A185F	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	18503374
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	6
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	February 22, 1984 100 hour	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	3350 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	1172 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	CONTINENTAL
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-520-D
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	PRO AIR INC	<b>Rated Power:</b>	300 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	
<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>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	5 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	135°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	18°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>		<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	15:30 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	BRAITHWRITE PARK	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Grass/turf
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	4 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	18	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	2600 ft / 75 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 Minor	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Minor, 1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	29.740236,-89.939308(est)

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Johnson, J.

**Additional Participating Persons:**

**Original Publish Date:**

**Last Revision Date:**

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

**Note:**

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=21279>

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