



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	SPEAKS, Texas	Accident Number:	FTW84LA289
Date & Time:	June 25, 1984, 15:25 Local	Registration:	N731TL
Aircraft:	CESSNA A188B	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Analysis

DURING TAKEOFF TO THE SOUTH THE NORTHERLY WIND PICKED UP. ACCELERATION WAS NOT SUFFICIENT ENOUGH TO BECOME AIRBORNE BEFORE END OF AIRSTRIP. ACFT OVERRAN AIRSTRIP AND COLLIDED WITH A DITCH. DENSITY ALT WAS 2,500 FT MSL AND ACFT LOADED WITH 1,200 LBS OF FERTILIZER.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: OVERRUN
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

Findings

1. (C) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - TAILWIND
 3. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 4. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - HIGH DENSITY ALTITUDE
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Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

Findings

5. TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	25, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 29, 1983
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	2250 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1100 hours (Total, this make and model), 2200 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 190 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 63 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N731TL
Model/Series:	A188B A188B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted (Special)	Serial Number:	18803142T
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	March 3, 1984 AAIP	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1807 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-D
Registered Owner:	METRO AG SERVICE	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
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	15 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	1 knots / 5 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	360°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	34°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	SPEAKS , TX	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	15:25 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Mcfall, T

Additional Participating Persons: WILLIAM V GRAY; HOUSTON , TX

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Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=21381>

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