



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	DALLAS, Texas	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW87LA159
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	July 5, 1987, 17:32 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N56420
<b>Aircraft:</b>	MOONEY M20J	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 Serious
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

DURING FLARE/TOUCHDOWN ON RUNWAY 15, THE AIRCRAFT'S RIGHT WING CAME UP SHARPLY, DUE TO A GUSTING CROSS WIND, CAUSING THE LEFT WING TO STRIKE THE RUNWAY. THE AIRCRAFT THEN CARTWHEELED, LEFT WING, NOSE, RIGHT WING, CAUSING SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE. REPORTED WINDS AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT WERE FROM 170 DEGREES AT 16 KNOTS, GUSTING TO 28 KNOTS.

## 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: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

#### Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS
2. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) LACK OF TOTAL EXPERIENCE - PILOT IN COMMAND

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	43, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Expired	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	March 29, 1985
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	No	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	70 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	MOONEY	<b>Registration:</b>	N56420
<b>Model/Series:</b>	M20J M20J	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	24-1380
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2740 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>		<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-360-A3B6D
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	NORTH DALLAS AVIATION	<b>Rated Power:</b>	200 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>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered / 25000 ft AGL	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	16 knots / 28 knots	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	170°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	34°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	LAWTON , OK (LAW )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>	DALLAS , TX (ADS )	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	00:00 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class D

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	ADDISON AIRPARK ADS	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Concrete
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	643 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	15	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	7199 ft / 100 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Full stop

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Serious	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 Serious	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	2 Serious	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	32.970981,-96.799797(est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Wilson, Ralph
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	MARCUS BELCHER; DALLAS , TX
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<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=22392">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=22392</a>

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