



Aviation Investigation Final Report

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| Location: | CASA GRANDE, Arizona | Accident Number: | LAX85LA249 |
| Date & Time: | May 9, 1985, 09:40 Local | Registration: | N38767 |
| Aircraft: | HILLER 12-C | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
| Defining Event: | | Injuries: | 2 None |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General aviation - Instructional | | |

Analysis

THE PLT WAS DEMONSTRATING AUTOROTATIONS TO A TOUCHDOWN ON A DIRT RWY INTO A 5 KT HEADWIND. ON THE FINAL LANDING HE SAID THAT THE TOUCHDOWN FELT THE SAME AS OTHERS HE HAD DONE. SPEED AT TOUCHDOWN WAS 15 MPH AND THE HELICOPTER SLID FORWARD IN A STRAIGHT LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 3 HELICOPTER LENGTHS. AS IT CAME TO A STOP THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FORWARD CROSSOVER TUBE FAILED, THE LEFT SKID COLLAPSED, AND A MAIN ROTOR BLADE STRUCK THE TAIL BOOM.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: GEAR COLLAPSED
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (F) LANDING GEAR, SKID ASSEMBLY - FAILURE, PARTIAL
2. (C) JUDGMENT - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) LANDING GEAR, SKID ASSEMBLY - OVERLOAD

Occurrence #2: PROPELLER/ROTOR CONTACT TO PERSON
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

4. (F) MISC ROTORCRAFT, TAIL BOOM - PENETRATED

Factual Information

Pilot Information

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| Certificate: | Airline transport; Flight instructor | Age: | 42, Male |
| Airplane Rating(s): | Single-engine land; Multi-engine land | Seat Occupied: | Unknown |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | Helicopter | Restraint Used: | |
| Instrument Rating(s): | Airplane | Second Pilot Present: | Yes |
| Instructor Rating(s): | Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Helicopter | Toxicology Performed: | No |
| Medical Certification: | Class 2 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim | Last FAA Medical Exam: | May 1, 1985 |
| Occupational Pilot: | Yes | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | |
| Flight Time: | 11140 hours (Total, all aircraft), 360 hours (Total, this make and model), 11000 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 180 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft) | | |

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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| Aircraft Make: | HILLER | Registration: | N38767 |
| Model/Series: | 12-C 12-C | Aircraft Category: | Helicopter |
| Year of Manufacture: | | Amateur Built: | |
| Airworthiness Certificate: | Normal | Serial Number: | 1037 |
| Landing Gear Type: | Skid | Seats: | 3 |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | April 6, 1985 Annual | Certified Max Gross Wt.: | 2500 lbs |
| Time Since Last Inspection: | 50 Hrs | Engines: | 1 Reciprocating |
| Airframe Total Time: | 6606 Hrs | Engine Manufacturer: | FRANKLIN |
| ELT: | Not installed | Engine Model/Series: | 6V4-200-C33 |
| Registered Owner: | LEHMAN AVIATION, INC. | Rated Power: | 200 Horsepower |
| Operator: | | Operating Certificate(s) Held: | None |
| Operator Does Business As: | | Operator Designator Code: | |

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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| 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 | 75 miles |
| Lowest Ceiling: | None | Visibility (RVR): | |
| Wind Speed/Gusts: | 5 knots / | Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Wind Direction: | 180° | Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Altimeter Setting: | | Temperature/Dew Point: | 21°C |
| Precipitation and Obscuration: | No Obscuration; No Precipitation | | |
| Departure Point: | CASA GRANDE , AZ (CGZ) | Type of Flight Plan Filed: | None |
| Destination: | | Type of Clearance: | None |
| Departure Time: | 09:20 Local | Type of Airspace: | Class D;Class G |

Airport Information

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| Airport: | THREE POINT E58 | Runway Surface Type: | Dirt |
| Airport Elevation: | 1389 ft msl | Runway Surface Condition: | Dry |
| Runway Used: | 17 | IFR Approach: | None |
| Runway Length/Width: | 3850 ft / 150 ft | VFR Approach/Landing: | Full stop; Simulated forced landing |

Wreckage and Impact Information

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| Crew Injuries: | 2 None | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
| Passenger Injuries: | | Aircraft Fire: | None |
| Ground Injuries: | N/A | Aircraft Explosion: | None |
| Total Injuries: | 2 None | Latitude, Longitude: | |

Administrative Information

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| Investigator In Charge (IIC): | Crawford, Alan |
| Additional Participating Persons: | R T CURTIS; SCOTTSDALE , AZ |
| Original Publish Date: | |
| Last Revision Date: | |
| Investigation Class: | Class |
| Note: | |
| Investigation Docket: | https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=24722 |

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