



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	COLUMBIA, California	Accident Number:	LAX88LA138
Date & Time:	March 26, 1988, 18:15 Local	Registration:	N47766
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-34-200T	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	4 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

AT THE END OF A CROSS COUNTRY FLT, ON TOUCHDOWN, THE ACFT BEGAN TO BOUNCE. THE PILOT WAS UNABLE TO STOP THE ACFT BEFORE IT RAN OFF THE END OF THE RWY, WHERE IT CAME TO REST AFTER THE LEFT MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED. A WITNESS SAID THAT THE ACFT LANDED HALF WAY DOWN THE RWY.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

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

- Findings
1. (C) PROPER GLIDEPATH - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 2. (F) AIRSPEED - MISJUDGED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 3. (C) FLARE - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
-

Occurrence #2: OVERRUN
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

4. (C) RECOVERY FROM BOUNCED LANDING - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	31, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 22, 1987
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	7200 hours (Total, all aircraft), 543 hours (Total, this make and model), 2942 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 18 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N47766
Model/Series:	PA-34-200T PA-34-200T	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	347870002
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	October 22, 1987 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	4570 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	36 Hrs	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1241 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	TSIO-360E
Registered Owner:	LEVIN, GORDON	Rated Power:	200 Horsepower
Operator:	MILLIOM AIR	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
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:	MOD ,97 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	35 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	16:47 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	211°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 25000 ft AGL	Visibility	60 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	320°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	26°C / 8°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	SAN JOSE , CA (SJC)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	COLUMBIA , CA (022)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	17:40 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	COLUMBIA 022	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	2117 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	17	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	4060 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	3 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	4 None	Latitude, Longitude:	38.109485,-120.380706(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Eckrote, Debra
Additional Participating Persons:	GREG SCHMIDT; FRESNO , CA
Original Publish Date:	February 28, 1989
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=25971

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant events in other modes of transportation—railroad, transit, highway, marine, pipeline, and commercial space. We determine the probable causes of the accidents and events we investigate, and issue safety recommendations aimed at preventing future occurrences. In addition, we conduct transportation safety research studies and offer information and other assistance to family members and survivors for each accident or event we investigate. We also serve as the appellate authority for enforcement actions involving aviation and mariner certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and US Coast Guard, and we adjudicate appeals of civil penalty actions taken by the FAA.

The NTSB does not assign fault or blame for an accident or incident; rather, as specified by NTSB regulation, “accident/incident investigations are fact-finding proceedings with no formal issues and no adverse parties ... and are not conducted for the purpose of determining the rights or liabilities of any person” (Title 49 *Code of Federal Regulations* section 831.4). Assignment of fault or legal liability is not relevant to the NTSB’s statutory mission to improve transportation safety by investigating accidents and incidents and issuing safety recommendations. In addition, statutory language prohibits the admission into evidence or use of any part of an NTSB report related to an accident in a civil action for damages resulting from a matter mentioned in the report (Title 49 *United States Code* section 1154(b)). A factual report that may be admissible under 49 *United States Code* section 1154(b) is available [here](#).