



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	PASO ROBLES, California	Accident Number:	LAX90LA163
Date & Time:	May 3, 1990, 12:45 Local	Registration:	N2662N
Aircraft:	CESSNA 140	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE CERTIFICATED PRIVATE PILOT WAS LANDING HIS TAIL-WHEELED AIRPLANE AFTER TWO PREVIOUS LANDINGS AND REPORTED THAT HE ENCOUNTERED WINDS DURING THE LANDING ROLL OF THE THIRD LANDING. THE AIRPLANE STARTED TO TURN TO THE RIGHT. THE PILOT APPLIED HARD LEFT BRAKE, CAUSING THE AIRPLANE TO NOSE DOWN AND THE PROPELLER STRUCK THE RUNWAY. THE WINDS WERE REPORTED BY THE PILOT AS LIGHT AND VARIABLE.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOT FAILED TO MAINTAIN DIRECTIONAL CONTROL.

Findings

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

Findings

1. (F) FLIGHT CONTROLS - IMPROPER USE OF - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) BRAKES(NORMAL) - EXCESSIVE - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	74, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
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 3 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 14, 1988
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	656 hours (Total, all aircraft), 29 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N2662N
Model/Series:	140 140	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	12920
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	July 27, 1989 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1500 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	C-85-12
Registered Owner:	BROWN, JOSEPH C	Rated Power:	85 Horsepower
Operator:	BROWN, JOSEPH C.	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:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	-18°C / -18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	11:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	PASO ROBLE PRB	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	836 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	19	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	6009 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Touch and go

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:	35.609394,-120.759674(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Wilcox, Thomas

Additional Participating Persons: DENNIS DAY;

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Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=26793>

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