



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	BINGHAMTON, New York	Incident Number:	NYC861A231
Date & Time:	September 9, 1986, 07:11 Local	Registration:	N90349
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-60-600	Aircraft Damage:	Minor
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 135: Air taxi & commuter - Non-scheduled		

Analysis

THE PLT STATED THAT AFTER LEVELING OFF AT 9000 FT MSL. HE HEARD A POP FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLOSION IN THE LEFT ENG. THE ENTIRE LEFT SIDE OF THE UPPER COWLING WAS PROTRUDING INTO THE AIRSTREAM WHICH CAUSED THE AIRCRAFT TO ROLL TO THE RIGHT. THE PILOT HAD TO USE FULL RIGHT RUDDER & HALF LEFT AILERON DEFLECTION TO MAINTAIN CONTROL. UNABLE TO MAINTAIN ALT AT BLUE LINE, AN EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED & RADAR VECTORS REQUESTED TO NEAREST AIRPORT. WHEN THE AIRPORT PERIMETER WAS CROSSED THE ACFT WAS LESS THAN 10 FT ABOVE THE GROUND. PILOT ELECTED TO LAND GEAR UP ON THE GRASS BETWEEN THE RUNWAY & TAXIWAY. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY A FAILED CYLINDER.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(PARTIAL) - MECH FAILURE/MALF
Phase of Operation: CRUISE - NORMAL

Findings

1. (C) ENGINE ASSEMBLY - FAILURE,PARTIAL
2. (C) ENGINE ASSEMBLY,CYLINDER - SEPARATION

Occurrence #2: ALTITUDE DEVIATION, UNCONTROLLED
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Findings

- 3. AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE - ASYMMETRICAL
- 4. (F) AIRSPEED (VMC) - ATTEMPTED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: FORCED LANDING
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Occurrence #4: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

- 5. WHEELS UP LANDING - INTENTIONAL - PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Flight instructor	Age:	34, 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; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 3, 1985
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	3718 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1497 hours (Total, this make and model), 3568 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 250 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N90349
Model/Series:	PA-60-600 PA-60-600	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	60-0202090
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	August 14, 1986 AAIP	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	5500 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	60 Hrs	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	9604 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	10-540-K1F5
Registered Owner:	MASTERS & SUMPTER	Rated Power:	290 Horsepower
Operator:	AIR CONTINENTAL,INC.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Commuter air carrier (135)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	11

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	BGM ,1683 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	11:04 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	70°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 25000 ft AGL	Visibility	25 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	230°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	8°C / 5°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	BUFFALO , NY (BUF)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	TETERBORO , NJ (TEB)	Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	06:10 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	EDWIN A. LINK FIELD BGM	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	1630 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced landing

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Minor
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	42.109119,-75.959167(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Danhauer, Clifford

Additional Participating Persons: TED DEWEESE; ROCHESTER , NY
JOHN A JOHNSON; CLEVELAND , OH

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Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=30240>

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