



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	PANAMA CITY, Florida	<b>Accident Number:</b>	MIA86LA130
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	April 23, 1986, 07:07 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N90676
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PIPER PA-60	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 135: Air taxi & commuter - Non-scheduled		

## Analysis

THE PLT STATED THAT ON HIS APCH HE HAD A GEAR DOWN & LOCKED INDICATION BUT ON LANDING ROLLOUT, THE NOSE GEAR COMPLETELY COLLAPSED AND THE ACFT SLID TO A STOP ON THE RWY. POST ACCIDENT EXAMINATION OF THE LANDING GEAR SYSTEM REVEALED THAT THE NOSE GEAR COLLAPSED DUE TO A HYDRAULIC LEAK IN THE NOSE GEAR ACTUATOR.

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

### Findings

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

#### Findings

1. (C) LANDING GEAR, NOSE GEAR - FAILURE, TOTAL
2. (C) HYDRAULIC SYSTEM - LEAK

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline transport; Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	33, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 1 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	January 8, 1986
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	Yes	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	4074 hours (Total, all aircraft), 749 hours (Total, this make and model), 211 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	PIPER	<b>Registration:</b>	N90676
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA-60 PA-60	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	60-0331-122
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	6
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	January 1, 1986 100 hour	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	5500 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	1800 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-540-K1F5
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	CHEROKEE EXPRESS AIR CARGO INC	<b>Rated Power:</b>	290 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	On-demand air taxi (135)
<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>	TLH ,157 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	75 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	07:07 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	260°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	20 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	10 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	30°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	12°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	TALLAHASSEE , FL (TLH )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	07:30 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class E

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	PANAMA CITY PFN	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	20 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	32	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	6308 ft / 150 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Full stop;Traffic pattern

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	30.169179,-85.670593(est)

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Hill, Bruce

**Additional Participating Persons:**

**Original Publish Date:**

**Last Revision Date:**

**Investigation Class:** [Class](#)

**Note:**

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=31609>

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