



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: TITUSVILLE, Florida Accident Number: MIA88LA096

Date & Time: January 31, 1988, 11:30 Local Registration: N9260U

Aircraft: CESSNA 150 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

STUDENT PILOT LOST DIRECTIONAL CONTROL WHILE LANDING WITH RIGHT QUARTERING WIND. THE ACFT DEPARTED THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RUNWAY AND THE NOSE GEAR BOGGED DOWN IN SAND. THE NOSE GEAR THEN FAILED AFT AND THE ACFT CAME TO REST ON THE NOSE AND LEFT WING TIP.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND

2. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE DOWN

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
3. TERRAIN CONDITION - LOOSE GRAVEL/SANDY

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	24,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	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 1 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	November 3, 1987
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	39 hours (Total, all aircraft), 39 hours (Total, this make and model), 11 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 39 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N9260U
Model/Series:	150 150	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Utility	Serial Number:	15078210
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	January 3, 1987 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1600 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	29 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3913 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-200-A
Registered Owner:	JOSEPH V. FERA	Rated Power:	100 Horsepower
Operator:	SOUTH AIR FLIGHT CENTER	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	TIX ,35 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	11:45 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 2500 ft AGL	Visibility	7 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	12 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	130°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	KISSIMMEE , FL (ISM)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	11:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

Airport Information

Airport:	TITUSVILLE TIX	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	35 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	9	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:	5001 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

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:	

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Kennedy, Jeffrey

Additional Participating Persons:

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Last Revision Date:
Investigation Class: Class
Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=32130

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