



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: PUNTA GORDA, Florida Accident Number: MIA91LA121

Date & Time: April 11, 1991, 12:30 Local Registration: N7231L

Aircraft: BEECH A36 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 3 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

THE PLT ABORTED THE TAKEOFF FROM THE PVT 1,800-FT LONG GRASS STRIP BUT WAS UNABLE TO STOP THE ACFT BEFORE IT RAN OFF THE END OF THE RWY INTO A DITCH. THERE WAS NO REPORTED ENGINE FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: DELAY OF THE PILOT TO ABORT THE TAKEOFF FROM THE PRIVATE GRASS AIRSTRIP RESULTING IN THE AIRPLANE OVERRUNNING THE RUNWAY AND COLLIDING WITH A DITCH.

Findings

Occurrence #1: OVERRUN

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ABORTED

Findings

1. (C) ABORT - DELAYED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ABORTED

Findings

2. TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	59,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 27, 1990
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	2980 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1500 hours (Total, this make and model), 2980 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 25 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 12 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N7231L
Model/Series:	A36 A36	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	E-2241
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3600 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	0 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-550-B
Registered Owner:	BRAUKMAN & SULLIVAN	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	BRAUKMAN & SULLIVAN	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:	FMY ,18 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	16 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	12:51 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	198°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 4900 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	12 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	90°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	29°C / 17°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	12:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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Airport Information

Airport:	BRAUKMAN RANCH NONE	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	5	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1800 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Monville, Timothy	
Additional Participating Persons:	JIM MATTHEWS; ORLANDO , FL	
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Investigation Class:	Class	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=32850	

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