

# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location:	DESTIN, Florida		Accident Number:	MIA93LA122
Date & Time:	May 18, 1993, 13:30 Lo	ocal	<b>Registration:</b>	N4579W
Aircraft:	ROCKWELL	112TC	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation	on - Personal		

### Analysis

THE COMMERCIAL PILOT STATED THAT ON TAKEOFF ROLL FROM RUNWAY 32, AT ABOUT 60 KNOTS AND AFTER TRAVELING ABOUT 1,500 FEET DOWN THE RUNWAY, THE AIRPLANE SWERVED TO THE RIGHT DEPARTING THE RUNWAY. THE PILOT STATED HE REGAINED CONTROL OF THE AIRPLANE AND CONTINUED THE TAKEOFF ROLL. THE AIRPLANE TRAVELED ABOUT ANOTHER 1,000 FEET AND SWERVED TO THE RIGHT DEPARTING THE RUNWAY, CROSSED A DITCH, BECAME AIRBORNE, COLLIDED WITH THE GROUND, SEPARATED THE NOSE GEAR, DAMAGED THE LEFT WING, FUSELAGE, AND CAME TO A COMPLETE STOP. THE PILOT STATED THAT HE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO ABORT THE TAKEOFF ROLL DUE TO BEING AT ROTATION AIRSPEED WHEN THE AIRPLANE INITIALLY SWERVED TO THE RIGHT. EXAMINATION OF THE AIRPLANE BY AN A & P MECHANIC REVEALED THE LEFT NOSE WHEEL STEERING CABLE WAS HANGING DOWN FROM THE LANDING GEAR TRUNION AREA.

#### **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND'S FAILURE TO ABORT THE TAKEOFF ROLL, RESULTING IN AN ON-GROUND LOSS OF CONTROL, AND ON-GROUND COLLISION WITH TERRAIN. CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACCIDENT WAS THE FAILURE OF THE NOSE WHEEL STEERING CABLE.

#### **Findings**

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

Findings 1. (F) LANDING GEAR, STEERING SYSTEM - FAILURE, TOTAL 2. (C) ABORT - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings 3. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

## **Factual Information**

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	59,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):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	January 14, 1993
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	2891 hours (Total, all aircraft), 62 hours (Total, this make and model)		

#### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	ROCKWELL	Registration:	N4579W
Model/Series:	112TC 112TC	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	13069
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	December 17, 1992 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2850 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	16 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1251 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-360-CIA6D
Registered Owner:	ADAMYK, EMIL	Rated Power:	210 Horsepower
Operator:	ADAMYK, EMIL	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:	PFN ,20 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	22 Nautical Miles
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Observation Time:	13:47 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	150°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 3000 ft AGL	Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	15 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	270°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	28°C / 18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	(81J)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	PENSACOLA , FL (PNS )	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	13:29 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## **Airport Information**

Airport:	DESTIN/FT. WALTON BEACH 81J	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	22 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	32	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5000 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

#### Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	30.399444,-86.489143(est)

#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Smith, Carrol	
Additional Participating Persons:	EDWARD H BLOUNT; BIRMINGHAM , AL	
Original Publish Date:	November 3, 1993	
Last Revision Date:		
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=33268	

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