



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	WILLIAMSON, New York	Accident Number:	NYC83FFJ01
Date & Time:	April 15, 1983, 16:15 Local	Registration:	N731VY
Aircraft:	CESSNA A188B	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Analysis

THE ACFT COLLIDED WITH A TREE DURING A FORCED LANDING AFTER A POWER LOSS ON TAKEOFF. THE PILOT HAD A LOAD OF 125 GALLONS OF A FUNGICIDE FOR SPRAYING TREES WHEN THE ENGINE QUIT AT ABOUT 100 FT AGL. THE LOAD WAS DUMPED AND THE ACFT WAS TURNED TO THE RIGHT FOR A LANDING IN AN OPEN FIELD. THE ACFT CONTACTED A TREE ON THE BOUNDARY OF THE FIELD AND ROTATED ABOUT 45 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT. IT THEN LANDED AND BOUNCED AROUND AND ENDED UP HEADING NORTH IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION. A POST ACCIDENT EXAMINATION DETERMINED THAT THE ENGINE WOULD ONLY RUN WITH THE ELECTRIC FUEL BOOST PUMP ON. THE ENGINE DRIVEN FUEL PUMP (PN 638154-1) HAD SEIZED AND THE DRIVE SHAFT HAD SHEARED. THE SEIZURE OCCURRED AT THE SHAFT SEAL (P/N 13507).

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - MECH FAILURE/MALF
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) FUEL SYSTEM, PUMP - FAILURE, TOTAL

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings
2. (F) LOAD JETTISON - PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings
3. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)

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

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	30, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Center
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	March 18, 1983
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	3000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 2000 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N731VY
Model/Series:	A188B A188B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted (Special)	Serial Number:	18803201T
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	March 16, 1983 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	4200 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	16 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	464 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520D
Registered Owner:	THOMAS J. AVERY, JR.	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
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:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	5 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 2500 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	3 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	280°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	Light - None - Rain		
Departure Point:	WILLIAMSON , NY (3G7)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	00:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	WILLIAMSON/SODUS 3G7	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	425 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Wet
Runway Used:	10	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3375 ft / 40 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

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:	43.240619,-77.149719(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Alborano, A.

Additional Participating Persons:

Original Publish Date:

Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=35089>

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