



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	BRICKTOWN, New Jersey	<b>Accident Number:</b>	NYC83FHD01
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	June 8, 1983, 19:30 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N67155
<b>Aircraft:</b>	HILLER UH-12D	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 137: Agricultural		

## Analysis

THE PLT REPORTED AN ERRATIC RPM DROP & A PARTIAL LOSS OF POWER DURING A SWATH RUN. THIS OCCURRED WHEN THE HELICOPTER WAS APRX 10 FT ABOVE TREES AT APRX 40 KTS. THE ACFT BEGAN LOSING AIRSPEED & ALTITUDE. DURING AN EMERGENCY LANDING, THE TAIL ROTOR & MAIN ROTOR BLADES STRUCK TREE BRANCHES & THE PLEXIGLASS & LANDING GEAR WERE DAMAGED. DURING AN INVESTIGATION, THE IGNITION HARNESSSES WERE CHECKED & THE #4 & #6 LEAD ASSEMBLIES, PN 10-720642, SHOWED LEAKAGE AT THE SLEEVE ASSEMBLY POINT (BENDIX PN 10-320473). A PARTIAL TEARDOWN OF THE ENG REVEALED NO OTHER PREIMPACT MECHANICAL FAILURE.

## 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(PARTIAL) - MECH FAILURE/MALF  
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - AERIAL APPLICATION

#### Findings

1. (C) IGNITION SYSTEM,IGNITION HARNESS - OUTPUT LOW
2. (C) IGNITION SYSTEM,IGNITION LEAD - LEAK

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Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN  
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Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings  
3. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)  
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Occurrence #4: HARD LANDING  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial; Flight instructor	<b>Age:</b>	36, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Center
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>		<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Glider; Helicopter	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	May 10, 1983
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	Yes	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	1729 hours (Total, all aircraft), 360 hours (Total, this make and model), 1661 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 112 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 30 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	HILLER	<b>Registration:</b>	N67155
<b>Model/Series:</b>	UH-12D UH-12D	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Helicopter
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Restricted (Special)	<b>Serial Number:</b>	1335
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Skid	<b>Seats:</b>	3
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	May 15, 1983 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2750 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	56 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	7055 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Not installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	VO-435-A1C
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	RACO HELICOPTER CORPORATION	<b>Rated Power:</b>	250 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	
<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>	Dusk
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	5 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	180°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	27°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	FARMINGDALE , NJ (BLM )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	00:00 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>		<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>		<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	
<b>Runway Used:</b>	0	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>		<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Forced landing

## 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>	

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Jiggins, L.

**Additional Participating Persons:**

**Original Publish Date:**

**Last Revision Date:**

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

**Note:**

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=35099>

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