



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: FALL RIVER, Massachusetts Accident Number: NYC91LA088

Date & Time: March 12, 1991, 17:20 Local Registration: N8452P

Aircraft: PIPER PA28-400 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 4 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

THE PILOT LANDED LONG ON RUNWAY 33, WHICH IS 1600 FEET IN LENGTH. HE WAS UNABLE TO STOP BEFORE RUNNING OFF THE DEPARTURE END OF THE RUNWAY. THE AIRPLANE ROLLED THROUGH A GRASS FIELD AND WAS STOPPED BY LARGE ROCKS.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: AN IMPROPER FLARE AND TOUCHDOWN POINT WHICH RESULTED IN AN OVERRUN OF THE RUNWAY DURING THE LANDING ROLL.

Findings

Occurrence #1: OVERRUN

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (F) FLARE - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND

2. (F) PROPER TOUCHDOWN POINT - NOT ATTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
3. OBJECT - OTHER

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	40,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	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 3 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	November 1, 1990
Occupational Pilot:	No Last Flight Review or Equivalent:		
Flight Time:	277.7 hours (Total, all aircraft), 62.2 hours (Total, this make and model), 221 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 30.2 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 9.6 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2.5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N8452P
Model/Series:	PA28-400 PA28-400	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	26-27
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 1, 1990 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3600 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3479 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	I0720-L141-54
Registered Owner:	ROBERT & DONNA FRAYSER	Rated Power:	400 Horsepower
Operator:	ROBERT & DONNA FRAYSER	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:	(1112)	Distance from Accident Site:	,
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	20 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	17 knots / 22 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	320°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	SHENANDOAH VALL, VA (SHO)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

Airport Information

Airport:	FALL RIVER AIRPORT FLR	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	193 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	33	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1600 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	3 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	4 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Twine, Chauncey	
Additional Participating Persons:	WILLIAM STEVENS; BEDFORD , MA	
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Investigation Class:	Class	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=36889	

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