



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: CLARKS POINT, Alaska Accident Number: ANC91LA108

Date & Time: July 23, 1991, 15:15 Local Registration: N6166N

Aircraft: CESSNA 185 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 4 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation

Analysis

DURING LANDING, THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND LOST THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HIS LEFT BRAKE. HE ELECTED TO GROUND LOOP THE AIRPLANE RATHER THAN RUN OFF INTO THE TUNDRA. EXAMINATION OF THE LEFT BRAKE ASSEMBLY REVEALED THAT THE BRAKE DISC HAD SEPARATED FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE LOSS OF DIRECTIONAL CONTROL ON THE GROUND CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF THE LEFT BRAKE DISC. CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACCIDENT WAS THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND'S INTENTIONAL GROUND LOOP OF THE AIRPLANE.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) LANDING GEAR, NORMAL BRAKE SYSTEM - FAILURE, PARTIAL

Occurrence #2: DRAGGED WING, ROTOR, POD, FLOAT OR TAIL/SKID

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
2. (F) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - INTENTIONAL - PILOT IN COMMAND

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	39,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	October 25, 1989
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	4500 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1000 hours (Total, this make and model), 4400 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 250 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 100 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N6166N
Model/Series:	185 185	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18504302
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 12, 1991 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	57 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2284 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-F
Registered Owner:	ALL ALASKAN SEAFOODS, INC	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	CARL FORGEY	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:	ALL ALASKAN SEAFOOD, INC.	Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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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:	Scattered / 12000 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	18 knots / 20 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	70°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	20°C / -18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipit	ation	
Departure Point:	NAKNEK , AK (5NK)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Company VFR
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:50 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

Airport:	CLARKS POINT CLP	Runway Surface Type:	Gravel
Airport Elevation:	10 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry;Rough
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2600 ft / 65 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:	58.830677,-158.529632(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Kobelnyk, George

Additional Participating
Persons:

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Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: Class

Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=5586

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