



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Broomfield, Colorado	<b>Accident Number:</b>	DEN04CA054
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	March 21, 2004, 12:00 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N3465G
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna T310R	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

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## Analysis

According to the pilot, he had been experiencing electrical problems for the majority of his flight. The pilot reported that he entered a downwind for runway 29R, lowered his landing gear and set 15 degrees flaps. The pilot noticed that the flap indicator was not down so he raised the flaps lever to avoid problems later. The pilot did not visually verify that his gear was down. During the landing flare, both propellers came in contact with the ground and the airplane slid along the runway for several hundred feet, substantially damaging a bulkhead.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: the pilot's improper in-flight planning/decision and his failure to verify the landing gear position. Factors contributing to the accident were the pilot's diverted attention due to the electrical failure.

## Findings

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Occurrence #1: WHEELS UP LANDING

Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

### Findings

1. (C) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) GEAR EXTENSION - NOT VERIFIED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM - FAILURE
5. WHEELS UP LANDING - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

## Factual Information

On March 21, 2004, at approximately 1200 mountain standard time, a Cessna T310R, N3465G, was substantially damaged during a gear-up landing at Jefferson County Airport (BLC), Broomfield, Colorado. The private pilot, the sole occupant on board, was not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed. A visual flight rules flight plan had been filed for the flight being conducted under the provisions of Title 14 CFR Part 91. The cross-country flight had departed Granby, Colorado, at approximately 1100.

According to the pilot, he had been experiencing electrical problems for the majority of his flight. Upon arriving at BJC, he was unable to communicate with the tower and entered a traffic pattern for runway 29R and began to look for light gun signals. He stated that he had extended the flaps to 15 degrees and verified via a checklist that the gear was down. When he turned final, he noticed an airplane on the runway and initiated a go-around.

The pilot said that he entered a downwind for runway 29R for a second time, "lowered his landing gear and set 15 [degrees] flaps." The pilot "noticed that the flap indicator was not down," so he raised the flaps lever to avoid problems later. The pilot did not visually verify that his gear was down. During the landing flare, both propellers came in contact with the runway and the airplane slid along the runway for several hundred feet, substantially damaging a bulkhead.

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	50, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	August 5, 2002
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	UNK	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	March 18, 2004
<b>Flight Time:</b>	310 hours (Total, all aircraft), 37 hours (Total, this make and model), 199 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 82 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 34 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cessna	<b>Registration:</b>	N3465G
<b>Model/Series:</b>	T310R	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	310R0844
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	5
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	February 12, 2004 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	5680 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	29 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	3014 Hrs at time of accident	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Teledyne Continental
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	TSIO-520-B-C
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	Conn-Behr Aircraft LLK	<b>Rated Power:</b>	300 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	BJC,5670 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	1 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	11:45 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	10°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Few / 6000 ft AGL	<b>Visibility</b>	50 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>		<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30.32 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	11°C / -5°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Grandby, CO (GNB )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	VFR
<b>Destination:</b>	Broomfield, CO (BJC )	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	11:00 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class D

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	JEFFCO BJC	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	5670 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	29R	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	9000 ft / 100 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Precautionary 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>	39.908332,-105.116668

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Bowling, David
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	John Botterill; FAA FSDO; Denver, CO
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<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class</a>
<b>Note:</b>	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=58980">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=58980</a>

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