

# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location:	New Market, Virginia	Accident Number:	NYC05CA007
Date & Time:	October 15, 2004, 23:30 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N130SV
Aircraft:	Beech A23	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## **Analysis**

During the night takeoff roll, as the pilot was rotating the airplane, the left stabilator struck a deer. A portion of the left stabilator separated, and the pilot continued the takeoff. The pilot then circled the airport and performed an emergency landing on the same runway. During the landing, the nose gear collapsed and the airplane came to rest in a grassy area beyond the end of the runway.

## **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: A collision with a deer during the takeoff roll. A factor in the accident was the night.

**Findings** 

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

Findings 1. (C) OBJECT - ANIMAL(S) 2. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - NIGHT

Occurrence #2: GEAR COLLAPSED Phase of Operation: LANDING

## **Factual Information**

On October 15, 2004, about 2330 eastern daylight time, a Beech A23, N130SV, was substantially damaged during takeoff from New Market Airport (8W2), New Market, Virginia. The certificated private pilot and passenger were not injured. Night visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan was filed for the local personal flight conducted under 14 CFR Part 91.

The pilot reported that during the takeoff roll on runway 24, as he was rotating the airplane, the left stabilator struck a deer. A portion of the left stabilator separated, and the pilot continued the takeoff. The pilot then circled the airport and performed an emergency landing on the same runway. During the landing, the nose gear collapsed and the airplane came to rest in a grassy area beyond the end of the runway.

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	23,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 1	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 8, 2004
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	205 hours (Total, all aircraft), 30 hours (Total, this make and model)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N130SV
Model/Series:	A23	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	MB-485
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	0-320
Registered Owner:	David J. Marcussen	Rated Power:	
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Night
Observation Facility, Elevation:	OKV,727 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	40 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	23:20 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	40°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	3 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/ None	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.21 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	8°C / 8°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	New Market, VA (8W2 )	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	23:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## **Airport Information**

Airport:	New Market Airport 8W2	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	24	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	None

# Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	38.650554,-78.700553

### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gretz, Robert
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	December 28, 2004
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=60354

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