



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	CHARLOTTE, North Carolina	Accident Number:	ATL82DA147
Date & Time:	May 16, 1982, 10:00 Local	Registration:	N42102
Aircraft:	PIPER J3C-65	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT STATED THAT DURING TAKEOFF ROLL HE TURNED AND REACHED FOR A BAG THAT HAD STARTED TO FALL OUT THE DOOR. THE RIGHT WING OF THE AIRCRAFT STRUCK THE GROUND CAUSING THE AIRCRAFT TO TURN SIDWAYS AND COLLAPSE THE GEAR.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings

1. (C) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) TIE DOWN - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings

4. (F) LANDING GEAR,MAIN GEAR - OVERLOAD

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	37, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 17, 1980
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	1070 hours (Total, all aircraft), 190 hours (Total, this make and model), 950 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 25 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N42102
Model/Series:	J3C-65 J3C-65	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	14329
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1220 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	0 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2200 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	C-90-8
Registered Owner:	JERRY W KELLER	Rated Power:	90 Horsepower
Operator:	JERRY W KELLER	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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:	Unknown	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	85°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	CHARLOTTE , NC (9A3)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	CHERAW , SC	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	00:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	BROCKENBROUGH 9A3	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	0 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	32	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:	2491 ft / 25 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	35.209289,-80.860343(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):

Additional Participating Persons:

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Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=70202>

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