



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	LAFAYETTE, Louisiana	Accident Number:	FTW82DA213
Date & Time:	June 6, 1982, 08:30 Local	Registration:	N210ZZ
Aircraft:	CESSNA A185E	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation		

Analysis

THE PILOT STATED THAT DURING A WATER LANDING THE RIGHT MAIN LANDING GEAR DROPPED DOWN CAUSING THE AIRCRAFT TO SWERVE TO THE RIGHT. THE LEFT WING CONTACTED THE WATER AND RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE. THE REASON FOR THE GEAR TO DROP OUT WAS NEVER DETERMINED.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: AIRFRAME/COMPONENT/SYSTEM FAILURE/MALFUNCTION
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) LANDING GEAR,GEAR LOCKING MECHANISM - UNLOCKED
2. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - UNCONTROLLED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. TERRAIN CONDITION - WATER,GLASSY

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	41, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 22, 1982
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	2200 hours (Total, all aircraft), 2200 hours (Total, this make and model), 2125 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 90 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N210ZZ
Model/Series:	A185E A185E	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	18501866
Landing Gear Type:	Amphibian	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	40 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3100 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-D
Registered Owner:	CREOLE DREDGIN & CONSTRUCTION	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	CREOLE DREDGIN & CONSTRUCTION	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:	LFT	Distance from Accident Site:	35 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	07:54 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	270°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown	Visibility	6 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 6500 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	76°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	N/A - None - Haze		
Departure Point:	LAFAYETTE , LA	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	LAFAYETTE , LA	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	08:15 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	Water
Airport Elevation:	0 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Water-calm
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:	0 ft / 0 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Straight-in

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):

Additional Participating Persons:

Original Publish Date: June 6, 1983

Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=71309>

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant events in other modes of transportation—railroad, transit, highway, marine, pipeline, and commercial space. We determine the probable causes of the accidents and events we investigate, and issue safety recommendations aimed at preventing future occurrences. In addition, we conduct transportation safety research studies and offer information and other assistance to family members and survivors for each accident or event we investigate. We also serve as the appellate authority for enforcement actions involving aviation and mariner certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and US Coast Guard, and we adjudicate appeals of civil penalty actions taken by the FAA.

The NTSB does not assign fault or blame for an accident or incident; rather, as specified by NTSB regulation, “accident/incident investigations are fact-finding proceedings with no formal issues and no adverse parties ... and are not conducted for the purpose of determining the rights or liabilities of any person” (Title 49 *Code of Federal Regulations* section 831.4). Assignment of fault or legal liability is not relevant to the NTSB’s statutory mission to improve transportation safety by investigating accidents and incidents and issuing safety recommendations. In addition, statutory language prohibits the admission into evidence or use of any part of an NTSB report related to an accident in a civil action for damages resulting from a matter mentioned in the report (Title 49 *United States Code* section 1154(b)). A factual report that may be admissible under 49 *United States Code* section 1154(b) is available [here](#).