



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: PLATTSBURG, Missouri Accident Number: MKC82FA171

Date & Time: September 11, 1982, 09:41 Local Registration: N60WW

Aircraft: STARDUSTER TOO Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 2 Serious

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

AT ABOUT 100 FT AGL DURING TAKEOFF, THE ENGINE QUIT. THE ACFT CRASHED IN A WOODED AREA SOUTHEAST OF THE ARPT BOUNDARY. NO FUEL WAS FOUND ONBOARD.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) AIRCRAFT PREFLIGHT - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND

2. (C) FLUID, FUEL - EXHAUSTION

3. (C) FUEL SUPPLY - NOT IDENTIFIED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - TURN TO LANDING AREA (EMERGENCY)

Findings

4. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport	Age:	40,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	June 1, 1982
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	12177 hours (Total, all aircraft), 40 hours (Total, this make and model), 9827 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 150 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:		Registration:	N60WW
Model/Series:	STARDUSTER TOO STARDUSTER	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	Yes
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	1262
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1950 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	18 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	170 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	IO-360-A4A
Registered Owner:	WILLARD A. WOMAC	Rated Power:	180 Horsepower
Operator:	WILLARD A. WOMAC	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		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:	Clear	Visibility	15 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	180°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	85°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipi	ation	
Departure Point:	PLATTSBURG , MO	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	PLATTSBURG , MO	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	09:40 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	0 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	17	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2094 ft / 24 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	39.559368,-94.460891(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):

Additional Participating

Persons:

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Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: Class

Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=72254

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