



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	WEST CHICAGO, Illinois	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CHI82DA132
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	April 24, 1982, 15:28 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N6001V
<b>Aircraft:</b>	BEECH BE-23	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

THE PILOT STATED THAT DURING LANDING FLARE THE AIRCRAFT DROPPED RAPIDLY STRIKING THE RUNWAY ON THE MAIN GEAR. IT THEN BOUNCED BACK INTO THE AIR AND LANDED ON THE NOSE GEAR WHICH COLLAPSED.

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

### Findings

Occurrence #1: HARD LANDING  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

#### Findings

- 1. (C) LEVEL OFF - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE GEAR COLLAPSED  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

#### Findings

- 2. (F) LANDING GEAR, NOSE GEAR - OVERLOAD
- 3. (C) RECOVERY FROM BOUNCED LANDING - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND



## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	55, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Unknown
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>		<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>		<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	
<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>	July 3, 1980
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	UNK	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	164 hours (Total, all aircraft), 6 hours (Total, this make and model), 4 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	BEECH	<b>Registration:</b>	N6001V
<b>Model/Series:</b>	BE-23 BE-23	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>		<b>Serial Number:</b>	M-2112
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	Unknown	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2700 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	55 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	1238 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-360-A4K
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	DUPAGE AVIATION CORP	<b>Rated Power:</b>	160 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	DUPAGE AVIATION CORP	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Unknown	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	15 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	230°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	72°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	WEST CHICAGO , IL (DPA )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>	WEST CHICAGO , IL (DPA )	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	15:20 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	DUPAGE COUNTY DPA	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Concrete
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	0 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	10	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	4000 ft / 100 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Stop and go

## 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>	41.880081,-88.219276(est)

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):**

**Additional Participating Persons:**

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**Last Revision Date:**

**Investigation Class:** [Class](#)

**Note:**

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=73000>

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