



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	WINCHESTER, Tennessee	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ATL87LA219
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	July 16, 1987, 18:20 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N702H
<b>Aircraft:</b>	MITSUBISHI MU-2B-36A	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Executive/Corporate		

## Analysis

THE PILOT STATED HE CIRCLED OVER THE AIRPORT TO CHECK FOR TRAFFIC THEN MADE A TURN TO BASE. HE WAS TOO NEAR THE RUNWAY AND TOO HIGH FOR A NORMAL APPROACH. THE PILOT USED FULL FLAPS AND DECREASED POWER; HOWEVER, THE AIRCRAFT BEGAN TO DESCEND RAPIDLY. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED SHORT OF THE RUNWAY.

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

### Findings

Occurrence #1: UNDERSHOOT  
Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - FINAL APPROACH

#### Findings

1. (C) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) PLANNED APPROACH - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) PROPER DESCENT RATE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) GO-AROUND - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline transport; Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	44, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Helicopter	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	November 7, 1986
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	Yes	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	10600 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1500 hours (Total, this make and model), 145 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	MITSUBISHI	<b>Registration:</b>	N702H
<b>Model/Series:</b>	MU-2B-36A MU-2B-36A	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	727SA
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	8
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	11575 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	62 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	2 Turbo prop
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	2562 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	GARRETT
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	TPE-331-5252M
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	HEMMINGS, INC	<b>Rated Power:</b>	776 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	I. C.HAMMINGS	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<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>	7 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	/	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	0°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	31°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	SMYRNA , TN (MQY )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	18:00 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	WINCHESTER MUNICIPAL BGF	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	979 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	18	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	4000 ft / 75 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Traffic pattern

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	2 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	35.17908,-86.100593(est)

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Fouts, Charles

**Additional Participating Persons:**

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**Last Revision Date:**

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

**Note:**

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=7489>

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