



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Armentières sur Avre,	Accident Number:	CEN11WA214
Date & Time:	February 26, 2011, 14:15 UTC	Registration:	F-GMGF
Aircraft:	Cessna P210	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Non-U.S., non-commercial		

Analysis

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The French investigators received reports that the airplane descended at a rapid rate from flight level 170. The wreckage was located in wooded terrain, scattered over several kilometers.

The accident investigation is under the jurisdiction and control of the French government. This report is for informational purposes only and contains only information released by or obtained from the French government or Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses. Further information pertaining to this accident may be obtained from:

Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau

Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses

Zone Sud

200 rue de Paris

Aéroport du Bourget

93350 Le Bourget Cedex

France

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:
Under the jurisdiction and control of the French government.

Findings

Not determined

(general) - Other authority investigated

Factual Information

History of Flight

Enroute-cruise	Windshear or thunderstorm
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Pilot Information

Certificate:		Age:	Male
Airplane Rating(s):		Seat Occupied:	
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Unknown	Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	F-GMGF
Model/Series:	P210 N	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	210-00253
Landing Gear Type:		Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument (IMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	LFOE	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	14:00 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 2500 ft AGL	Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 4200 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	15 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	290°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.97 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	10°C / 6°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	Light - None - Rain		
Departure Point:	Rouen Vallee de (LFOP)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	(LFMT)	Type of Clearance:	Cruise
Departure Time:	13:45 UTC	Type of Airspace:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Rodi, Jennifer

Additional Participating Persons: Frederic Aime; BEA France

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Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=78504>

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