



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: GRIFFIN, Georgia Accident Number: ATL92LA037

Date & Time: January 12, 1992, 11:30 Local Registration: N6101D

Aircraft: PIPER PA-22-150 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

### **Analysis**

THE PILOT STATED THAT DURING THE LANDING, A GUST OF WIND CAUSED THE AIRCRAFT TO LAND WITH EXCESSIVE SPEED. THE PILOT MADE AN ABRUPT LEFT TURN AT THE END OF THE RUNWAY, TO AVOID A FENCE, AND THE NOSE WHEEL COLLAPSED. THE AIRCRAFT FLIPPED OVER ONTO ITS BACK.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE EXCESSIVE SPEED USED BY THE PILOT TO LAND ON THE SHORT PRIVATE AIRSTRIP. A FACTOR WAS UNFAVORABLE WIND.

#### **Findings**

Occurrence #1: OVERRUN

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

#### **Findings**

- 1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION UNFAVORABLE WIND
- 2. (C) AIRSPEED EXCESSIVE PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. LANDING GEAR, NOSE GEAR ASSEMBLY COLLAPSED
- 4. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE INTENTIONAL PILOT IN COMMAND

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Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

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# **Factual Information**

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	64,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	April 18, 1990
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	1190 hours (Total, all aircraft), 790 hours (Total, this make and model), 1150 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 16 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 16 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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### **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N6101D
Model/Series:	PA-22-150 PA-22-150	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	22-4745
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	September 11, 1991 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	17 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3645 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	0-320
Registered Owner:	BROWN, THOMAS R.	Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
Operator:	BROWN, THOMAS R.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
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:	ATL ,1026 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	20 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	11:55 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	360°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	4 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	330°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	4°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	11:20 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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# **Airport Information**

Airport:	PRIVATE NONE	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	936 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
Runway Used:	31	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1000 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

## 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:	33.289237,-84.28054(est)

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Sasser, Roff

Additional Participating Persons:

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Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: Class

Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=8553

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