



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	San Jose, California	<b>Accident Number:</b>	GAA17CA581
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	September 28, 2017, 17:08 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N1652T
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna 414	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>	Prop/jet/rotor blast/suction	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

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## Analysis

The pilot reported that he was cleared to land on runway 30R, but when he turned to the base leg, he observed a large airplane on final for 30L. However, he continued the approach, and the landing flare was normal, but the airplane landed hard. He recalled that the airplane "seemed ok," and he taxied to parking.

The following week, the airplane underwent an annual inspection. The inspection revealed that the left wing false spar and trunnion were substantially damaged.

The pilot reported that there were no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

The pilot's failure to maintain a proper descent rate, which resulted in a hard landing.

## Findings

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**Personnel issues**

Aircraft control - Pilot

**Aircraft**

Descent rate - Not attained/maintained

## Factual Information

### History of Flight

<b>Landing</b>	Prop/jet/rotor blast/suction (Defining event)
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### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	81, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	3-point
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	March 31, 2017
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	No	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	February 28, 2017
<b>Flight Time:</b>	(Estimated) 3319 hours (Total, all aircraft), 2458 hours (Total, this make and model), 3165 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cessna	<b>Registration:</b>	N1652T
<b>Model/Series:</b>	414 Undesignat	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1973	<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	414-0432
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	6
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	September 8, 2016 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	6350 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	4517.1 Hrs at time of accident	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Continental
<b>ELT:</b>	C126 installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	TSIO-520 NB
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	On file	<b>Rated Power:</b>	310 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KSJC,50 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	0 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	00:53 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	138°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Few / 3500 ft AGL	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>		<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	9 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	290°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.89 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	28°C / 9°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	San Jose, CA (SJC )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>	San Jose, CA (SJC )	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	VFR
<b>Departure Time:</b>	15:15 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class C

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	Norman Y Mineta San Jose Intl SJC	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Concrete
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	62 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry;Rubber deposits
<b>Runway Used:</b>	30R	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	11000 ft / 150 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Full stop;Traffic pattern

## 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>	37.363056,-121.928611(est)

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Hicks, Michael

**Additional Participating Persons:**

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**Last Revision Date:**

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

**Note:** This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=97874>

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