

Brief of Accident

Adopted 10/04/2011

ANC11CA044
File No. 28734 06/12/2011 Cold Bay, AK Aircraft Reg No. N600UA Time (Local): 14:55 ADT

Make/Model:	Douglas / DC-6B	Fatal	0	Serious	0	Minor/None	4
Engine Make/Model:	P & W / R-2800 SERIES	Crew	0				
Aircraft Damage:	Substantial	Pass	0		0		0
Number of Engines:	4						
Operating Certificate(s):	Large Aircraft Operator						
Name of Carrier:	UNIVERSAL AIRLINES INC						
Type of Flight Operation:	Non-scheduled; Domestic; Cargo						
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:	Part 125: 20+ Pax,6000+ lbs						

Last Depart. Point:	Togiak Village, AK	Condition of Light:	Day
Destination:	Same as Accident/Incident Location	Weather Info Src:	Weather Observation Facility
Airport Proximity:	On Airport/Airstrip	Basic Weather:	Visual Conditions
Airport Name:	Cold Bay	Lowest Ceiling:	900 Ft. AGL, Broken
Runway Identification:	26	Visibility:	10.00 SM
Runway Length/Width (Ft):	6235 / 150	Wind Dir/Speed:	280 / 020 Kts
Runway Surface:	Concrete	Temperature (°C):	6
Runway Surface Condition:	Wet	Precip/Obscuration:	Light - Drizzle

Pilot-in-Command Age: 56

Flight Time (Hours)

Certificate(s)/Rating(s)
Airline Transport; Multi-engine Land; Glider

Total All Aircraft: 10000
Last 90 Days: 77
Total Make/Model: 4000
Total Instrument Time: 10030

Instrument Ratings
Airplane

*** Note: NTSB investigators used data provided by various entities, including, but not limited to, the Federal Aviation Administration and/or the operator and did not travel in support of this investigation to prepare this aircraft accident report. ***

According to the captain, while on approach to land, he distracted the crew by pointing out a boat dock. He said that after touchdown, he realized that the landing gear was not extended, and the airplane slid on its belly, sustaining substantial damage to the underside of the fuselage. He said that the crew did not hear the landing gear retracted warning horn, and the accident could have been prevented if he had not distracted the crew. The captain reported that there were no mechanical malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

Updated at Oct 4 2011 9:32AM

Brief of Accident (Continued)

ANC11CA044
File No. 28734

06/12/2011

Cold Bay, AK

Aircraft Reg No. N600UA

Time (Local): 14:55 ADT

OCCURRENCES

Landing-flare/touchdown - Landing gear not configured

FINDINGS

Aircraft-Aircraft systems-Landing gear system-(general)-Not used/operated - C
Personnel issues-Action/decision-Action-Forgotten action/omission-Flight crew - C
Personnel issues-Psychological-Attention/monitoring-Task monitoring/vigilance-Flight crew - F

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:
The flight crew's failure to extend the landing gear, which resulted in an inadvertent wheels up landing. Contributing to the accident was the flight crew's diverted attention.