



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	CHICAGO, IL	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CHI87FA176
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	07/20/1987, 2219 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N3742C
<b>Aircraft:</b>	CESSNA 402B	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter - Non-scheduled		

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## Analysis

ON INITIAL CLIMB THE PILOT REPORTED 'JUST LOST ONE', FOLLOWED BY A LOSS OF CONTROL AND DESCENT INTO A RESIDENTIAL AREA. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REVEALED A LOOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE LEFT ENGINE THROTTLE SERRATED WASHER AND THE SERRATED SHAFT. THE ENGINE HAD BEEN REMOVED AND REINSTALED A FEW FLIGHT HOURS PRIOR TO THE OCCURRENCE.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: FAILURE OF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL TO PERFORM PROPER INSTALLATION OF THE LEFT THROTTLE LINKAGE.

## Findings

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Occurrence #1: AIRFRAME/COMPONENT/SYSTEM FAILURE/MALFUNCTION

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

### Findings

1. (C) INDUCTION AIR CONTROL, LINKAGE - LOOSE
2. (C) MAINTENANCE, INSTALLATION - IMPROPER - OTHER MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

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Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

### Findings

3. (C) PROPELLER FEATHERING - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) AIRSPEED (VMC) - DISREGARDED - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT

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Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

### Findings

6. OBJECT - WIRE, STATIC
7. OBJECT - BUILDING (NONRESIDENTIAL)

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline Transport; Flight Instructor	<b>Age:</b>	33, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Glider	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	Airplane Multi-engine; Airplane Single-engine; Glider; Instrument Airplane	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	Yes
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 1 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	10/03/1986
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	3200 hours (Total, all aircraft), 2800 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	CESSNA	<b>Registration:</b>	N3742C
<b>Model/Series:</b>	402B 402B	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	402B0600
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	12/12/1986, Continuous Airworthiness	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	6300 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	78 Hours	<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	2597 Hours	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	CONTINENTAL
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	TSIO-520-E8B
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	AIR MARYLAND	<b>Rated Power:</b>	300 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	AIR MARYLAND	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>	BUFFALO EXPRESS	<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	MDW, 619 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	2219 CDT	Direction from Accident Site:	220°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility	7 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 5500 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	7 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	60°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	21° C / 19° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	CHICAGO, IL (MDW)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	KANSAS CITY, MO (MKC)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	2218 CDT	Type of Airspace:	Class D

## Wreckage and Impact Information

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

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	EDWARD J MCAVOY	Report Date:	11/15/1989
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish Date:			
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