

National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location: VICHY, MO Accident Number: CHI91LA067

Date & Time: 01/11/1991, 2030 CST Registration: N200MR

Aircraft: BEECH 200 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Injuries: 4 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Positioning

Analysis

WHILE EXECUTING A VOR APPROACH, ON A DARK, FOGGY NIGHT, DEPTH PERCEPTION AND GROUND CONTACT WERE LOST WHEN THE LANDING LIGHTS WERE TURNED ON SHORT FINAL. A HARD LANDING RESULTED, BEFORE CORRECTIVE ACTION BECAME EFFECTIVE, RESULTING IN WING SPAR, ENGINE MOUNTING SUPPORT AND PROPELLER DAMAGE. THE RUNWAY, AND ENTIRE AIRPORT WAS COVERED WITH ABOUT 3 INCHES OF MIRROR SMOOTH ICE, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE GLARE.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: A RESTRICTED VISUAL OUTLOOK AND GO-AROUND WAS NOT PERFORMED BY THE PILOT. FACTORS RELATED TO THE ACCIDENT WERE A DARK NIGHT, FOG AND GLARE, ICE COVERED RUNWAY AND WHITEOUT CONDITIONS.

Findings

Occurrence #1: HARD LANDING

Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

- 1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION DARK NIGHT
- 2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION FOG
- 3. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION ICY
- 4. (F) WEATHER CONDITION WHITEOUT
- 5. (C) VISUAL LOOKOUT RESTRICTED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 6. (C) GO-AROUND NOT PERFORMED PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport	Age:	48, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medicalw/waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	08/17/1990
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	7667 hours (Total, all aircraft), 258 hours (Total, this make and model), 7030 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 63 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 34 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N200MR
Model/Series:	200 200	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	BB219
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	8
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	09/07/1990, Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	12500 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	144 Hours	Engines:	2 Turbo Prop
Airframe Total Time:	1596 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	P&W
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	PT6A-41
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	850 hp
Operator:	UNITED EXECUTIVE JET	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)
Operator Does Business As:	JET CORP	Operator Designator Code:	DELA

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	VIH, 1148 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	2054 CST	Direction from Accident Site:	1°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility	3 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	290°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	-3°C / -4°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ST. LOUIS, MO (SUS)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	2000 CST	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	ROLLA (VIH)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1148 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Ice
Runway Used:	22	IFR Approach:	VOR
Runway Length/Width:	5499 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	4 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	John Hruban	Report Date:	12/04/1992
Additional Participating Persons:	LONNIE SCHUETT ROGER HELMS		
Publish Date:			
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at publing@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.ntsb.gov/pubdms/ .		

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