



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	CARIBBEAN SEA, CB	<b>Accident Number:</b>	MIA90LA153
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	07/14/1990, 1627 EDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N4465F
<b>Aircraft:</b>	LOCKHEED L-188A	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	3 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 121: Air Carrier - Non-scheduled		

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## Analysis

WHILE IN CLIMB AT 18,000 FT THE CRW HEARD AND EXPLOSION AND LOST NOS 3 AND 4 ENGINES. THEY VISUALLY NOTED THAT THE PROPELLERS AND PORTIONS OF THE GEARBOXES WERE ALSO MISSING. THEY THEN SHUT DOWN NO 2 ENGINE DUE TO ERRATIC INDICATIONS. THEY DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND LANDED. THE GEAR BOXES AND PROPELLERS WERE NOT RECOVERED FROM THE CARIBBEAN SEA.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE INFLIGHT LOSS OF THE NOS 3 AND 4 PROPELLERS AND GEARBOXES FOR UNDETERMINED REASONS. THE FAILED COMPONENTS WERE NOT RECOVERED FROM THE CARIBBEAN SEA.

## Findings

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Occurrence #1: AIRFRAME/COMPONENT/SYSTEM FAILURE/MALFUNCTION  
Phase of Operation: CLIMB - TO CRUISE

### Findings

1. 2 ENGINES - FAILURE, TOTAL
2. (C) PROPELLER SYSTEM/ACCESSORIES - SEPARATION
3. (C) REDUCTION GEAR ASSY - SEPARATION
4. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline Transport	<b>Age:</b>	49, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	Yes
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>		<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 1 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	06/05/1990
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	6060 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3150 hours (Total, this make and model), 3500 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 162 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 58 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	LOCKHEED	<b>Registration:</b>	N4465F
<b>Model/Series:</b>	L-188A L-188A	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Transport	<b>Serial Number:</b>	1096
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	12/11/1989, Continuous Airworthiness	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	116000 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	884 Hours	<b>Engines:</b>	4 Turbo Prop
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	31829 Hours	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	ALLISON
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	501D-13
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	TPI INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS	<b>Rated Power:</b>	4000 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	TPI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	Air Cargo
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	TPIA

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	TNCA, 11 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	22 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1555 EDT	Direction from Accident Site:	80°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 5000 ft agl	Visibility	7 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	15 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	90°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	28° C / 16° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ORANJESTAD, OF (TNCC)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	PANAMA CITY, OF (MPTO)	Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	1600 EDT	Type of Airspace:	

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	3 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	ANDREW A ALSTON	Report Date:	12/30/1992
Additional Participating Persons:			
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 <a href="mailto:pubinquiry@ntsb.gov">pubinquiry@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .		

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