



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	Lewisville, TX	Accident Number:	FTW03FA054
Date & Time:	12/04/2002, 0616 CST	Registration:	N402ME
Aircraft:	Cessna 402C	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Fatal

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Positioning

Analysis

The twin-engine airplane impacted the ground during an uncontrolled descent while maneuvering in dark night instrument meteorological conditions in the vicinity of Lewisville, Texas. The commercial pilot contacted the approach controller and stated that his attitude indicator was "not helping" and needed "a little bit of help with trying to keep it straight." The pilot was instructed by approach control to maintain an altitude of 3,000 feet msl. The approach controller confirmed with the pilot that he could not fly headings, and instructed the pilot to turn right. Seconds afterwards, the pilot was instructed to turn left and the controller would tell him when to stop the turn. The pilot acknowledged. There were no further communications between the pilot and air traffic control. The airplane initially impacted in a near vertical attitude into a wooded area adjacent to a rural paved road, slid across the road, and impacted a residence. Radar data showed that the airplane's magnetic heading was erratic throughout the 5-minute flight. The gyro instruments found at the accident site were the co-pilot's direction gyro (vacuum), a turn and bank indicator (electric), and the pilot's attitude indicator (vacuum). The gyros were disassembled, and visually examined. The co-pilot's direction gyro examination revealed rotation signatures on the gyro and the gyro housing. The turn and bank indicator revealed a "faint" rotational signature on the gyro. The pilot's attitude indicator gyro had no rotational signatures, and exhibited blunt impressions corresponding to the gyro buckets on the inside of the gyro-housing wall. A maintenance repair data plate ("Functional Tested") was found on the attitude indicator's instrument housing dated 12/2/02. Due to the extent of the fire damage, no instrument readings could be obtained. Seven days prior to the accident flight, a company pilot who flew the accident airplane reported that the pilot's attitude indicator (part number 102-0041-04, serial number 92B0346) "rotated" and the flight was aborted. The next day, the attitude indicator was removed and bench checked, cleaned, and adjusted. The attitude indicator was reinstalled and an operational check on the ground was performed. Three days prior to the accident the pilot's attitude indicator was again removed for an overhaul. According to company maintenance personnel, the attitude indicator was reinstalled the night prior to the morning of the accident, and an operational check on the ground was performed. Radar data showed that the aircraft did not stabilize on a particular heading throughout the flight. Physical evidence showed that the pilot's attitude gyro was not "spooled" at the time of impact.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The failure of the attitude indicator, and the pilot's failure to maintain aircraft control as a result of spatial disorientation following the failure of the attitude indicator. Contributing factors were a low ceiling, clouds, and dark night conditions.

Findings

Occurrence #1: AIRFRAME/COMPONENT/SYSTEM FAILURE/MALFUNCTION
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (C) FLIGHT/NAV INSTRUMENTS, ATTITUDE GYRO - FAILURE

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

2. (C) AIRCRAFT CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) SPATIAL DISORIENTATION - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CLOUDS
5. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - LOW CEILING
6. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

7. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

Factual Information

HISTORY OF FLIGHT

On December 4, 2002, approximately 0616 central standard time, a Cessna 402C twin-engine airplane, N402ME, operating as TexStar Flight 114 (TXZ114) impacted the ground during an uncontrolled descent while maneuvering in the vicinity of Lewisville, Texas. The airplane was registered to Agnew Corporation of Denton, Texas, and operated by Tex Star Air Freight Inc., of Denton, Texas. The commercial pilot, who was the sole occupant, was fatally injured. Dark night Instrument meteorological conditions prevailed and an instrument flight rules (IFR) flight plan was filed for the Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 positioning flight. The flight originated from the Denton Municipal Airport (DTO), Denton, Texas, at 0611, and its intended destination was Dallas Love Field (DAL), Dallas, Texas.

The airplane was hangared at a maintenance facility located at DTO for an attitude indicator overhaul on December 3, 2002. On the morning of the accident, the airplane was fueled at 0550, and scheduled to depart at 0600. At 0608, the pilot obtained an IFR clearance from DTO to DAL, via direct, with vectors 090, and was instructed to maintain an altitude of 3,000 feet mean sea level (msl). The flight departed from Runway 35 at 0611.

At 0614:33, the pilot contacted the approach controller and stated that his attitude indicator was "not helping" and needed help with "trying to keep" the aircraft "straight." The pilot was instructed to maintain an altitude of 3,000 feet msl. The approach controller verified that the pilot was unable to fly headings, and instructed the pilot to "turn right."

At 0615:12, the pilot was instructed by the controller to "turn left," and the controller stated that he would tell him when to stop the turn. The pilot acknowledged. There were no further communications between the pilot and air traffic control (ATC). The last discernable radar return was at 0615:43, which revealed that the airplane was at an altitude of 2,200 feet msl, on a heading of 113 degrees, descending at a ground speed of 194 knots.

The airplane initially impacted a wooded area adjacent to a rural paved road. From the initial impact point, the airplane slid forward for approximately 100 feet, crossed a paved road and came to rest in the garage of a private residence. The airplane was severely fragmented, and a post-impact fire consumed the airplane. There were no reported ground injuries. The occupants of the residence that the airplane impacted stated that they "heard and felt" the impact into their house. A neighbor reported that he heard an airplane fly low overhead prior to the sound of the impact. There were no reported eyewitnesses to the accident.

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

The pilot was employed by Tex Star Air Freight Inc., since July 26, 2002, and held a commercial pilot certificate with ratings for single and multi-engine land, and instrument airplane. He was a certified flight and instrument instructor in single and multi-engine airplanes. His most recent Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) first-class medical certificate was issued on August 9, 2002, with a limitation to wear corrective lenses. The pilot's personal flight logbooks were not recovered. The operator reported that he had approximately 1,290 total flight hours, 238 hours of which were in multi-engine airplanes. The operator also reported that the pilot had completed 402C initial training on August 7, 2002. According to FAA records, the pilot did not have any previous flight violations.

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufactured in 1979, the Cessna 402C, serial number 402C0010, was owned and registered to Agnew Corporation, of Denton, Texas, on April 23, 2002. The airplane was operated by Tex Star Air Freight Inc., of Denton, Texas, an on-demand CFR Part 135 operation. The airplane was configured for cargo. According to entries in the aircraft logbook, the last annual inspection was completed on October 3, 2002. The airframe total time as of this log entry was 16,366.9 hours. Entries in the logbook showed that the last 100-hour inspection was completed on November 13, 2002. The airframe total time as of this log entry was 16,464.6 hours.

The airplane was powered by two Teledyne Continental Motor TSIO-520-VB(1) series engines. According to entries in the engine logbook, the last 100-hour inspection was completed on November 13, 2002. At the time of the inspection, the right engine, serial number 811162-R, had accumulated 1,388.9 hours since its last overhaul on June 12, 2000. The left engine, serial number 516344, had accumulated 165.1 hours since its last overhaul on August 5, 2002. Both engines were equipped with McCauley model 3AF32C505 three-blade propeller assemblies. At the time of the last 100-hour inspection on November 13, 2002, the right propeller had accumulated a total of 1,907.3 hours since its last overhaul, and the left propeller had accumulated a total of 97.7 hours since its last overhaul.

Derived from interviews and an examination of logbooks and company records, the airplane was scheduled to depart from San Antonio, Texas on November 26, 2002. A company pilot reported that the pilot's attitude indicator (part number 102-0041-04, serial number 92B0346) "rotated" and the flight was aborted. On November 27, 2002, the pilot flew visual flight rules (VFR) conditions to Denton, and stated that the attitude indicator was "OK." That same day, Aerospace Instrument Support (AIS), Denton, Texas removed the attitude indicator and bench checked, cleaned, and adjusted it. The attitude indicator was reinstalled and an operational check on the ground was performed. On December 1, 2002, the pilot's attitude indicator was removed for an overhaul, and delivered to AIS on December 2, 2002. AIS stated they would be done with the attitude indicator in one day. According to company maintenance personnel, the attitude indicator was reinstalled the night of December 3, 2002, and an operational check on the ground was performed.

METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION

The automated surface observing station DTO, 9.5 nautical miles northwest of the accident site, at 0604 reported winds from 350 degrees at 9 knots, visibility 7 statute miles, skies broken at 600 feet, overcast skies at 1,200 feet, temperature 4 degrees Celsius, dew point minus 4 degrees Celsius, and an altimeter setting of 30.11 inches of Mercury. The Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) calculated the density altitude to be approximately minus 797 feet.

The moon phase was a new moon, and civil twilight did not begin until 0650.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following transcribed excerpts cover the Dallas-Fort Worth Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON), Flight Data position for the time period from December 4, 2002, 0606 to 0609. The times have been converted from coordinated universal time to central standard time.

Agencies Making Transmissions: Abbreviations:

TexStar 114 TXZ114
 DFW TRACON, Flight Data FD-1
 0606:06 TXZ114
 good morning regional clearance texstar one fourteen
 0606:30 FD-1
 calling clearance delivery say again
 0606:34 TXZ114
 ah yes sir good morning texstar one fourteen
 0606:37 FD-1
 texstar one fourteen regional approach good morning
 0606:40 TXZ114
 yes sir texstar one fourteen's ah runway three five at denton like to pick up ifr dallas love
 0606:55 FD-1
 texstar one fourteen standby just a second how soon before you're ready to depart
 0607:00 TXZ114
 texstar one fourteen depart ah as soon as possible
 0607:03 FD-1
 all right just a second
 0607:55 FD-1
 texstar one fourteen i have your clearance now
 0607:58 TXZ114
 texstar one fourteen ready to copy
 0608:00 FD-1
 texstar one fourteen cleared from denton to dallas love heading via vectors enter controlled
 airspace fly heading zero niner zero that is vectors to love maintain three thousand departure
 frequency is one one nine point eight seven squawk five two zero three
 0608:18 TXZ114
 texstar one fourteen cleared dallas via radar vector zero niner zero three thousand one one
 niner point eight seven five two zero three
 0608:27 FD-1
 texstar one fourteen readback correct you're released and say void if not off by one two one
 eight time now is one two zero eight regional altimeter is three zero zero eight
 0608:40 TXZ114
 three zero zero eight and ah void if not by one two one eight time now zero eight thanks

The following transcribed excerpts cover the Dallas-Fort Worth TRACON, Feeder West position for the time period from December 4, 2002, 0611 to 0622. The times have been converted from coordinated universal time to central standard time.

Agencies Making Transmissions: Abbreviations:

TexStar 114 TXZ114

DFW TRACON, Feeder West FW-1

ComAir 156 COM156

0611:15 TXZ114

and regional departure texstar one fourteen with you one point five for three thousand

0611:19 FW-1

texstar one fourteen regional departure radar contact dallas love is showing echo current wind zero one zero at six visibility four mist overcast at nine hundred feet and the altimeter is three zero zero nine

0611:31 TXZ114

ah texstar one fourteen three zero zero nine thanks

0611:49 FW-1

texstar one fourteen fly heading one zero zero maintain three thousand contact regional approach on one two four point three

0611:56 TXZ114

one zero zero three thousand one two four point three texstar one fourteen good day

0612:02 FW-1

comair one fifty six descend and maintain five thousand

0612:05 COM156

descend to five thousand comair one fifty six

0612:58 FW-1

were in north flow everywhere s i a is far as i know is current and up to date weather is posted ah looks like ifr most of the metroplex except for maybe navy fort worth over there tops to the west were at fifty two hundred clear above the ah airports all have normal freqs as well as the corners i have no traffic in your airspace other than just east of denton on that n tag up there is a twin cessna was climbing to three he's talking to dallas north going over to love ifr and that's it

The following transcribed excerpts cover the Dallas-Fort Worth TRACON, Dallas North position for the time period from December 4, 2002, 0612 to 0620. The times have been converted from coordinated universal time to central standard time.

Agencies Making Transmissions: Abbreviations:

TexStar 114 TXZ114

DFW TRACON, Departure One DR-1
 DFW TRACON, Dallas North DN
 Meacham North MN
 Flexjet 318 LXJ318
 Citation 96FC N96FC
 Flexjet 242 LXJ242
 Addison Tower ADS
 0612:15 TXZ114
 regional approach texstar one fourteen two point five for three thousand
 0612:19 DN
 texstar one fourteen approach thank you fly heading one two zero
 0612:22 TXZ114
 one two zero texstar one fourteen
 0612:39 LXJ318
 regional departure flex jet three eighteen is with you leveling at two thousand runway heading
 0612:44 DN
 flex jet three eighteen departure radar contact climb and maintain one seven thousand
 0612:49 LXJ318
 climb to one seven thousand flex jet three eighteen
 0612:56 DN
 texstar one fourteen ah new love weather wind is zero one zero at six visibility four mist ceiling
 niner hundred overcast altimeter three zero zero nine expect ils three one right
 0613:06 TXZ114
 three zero zero nine expect ils ah three one right texstar one fourteen
 0613:24 DN
 flexjet three eighteen expedite your climb and i'll be able to turn you right southbound
 0613:28 LXJ318
 expedite our climb flexjet three eighteen
 0613:41 DN
 flexjet three eighteen turn left heading one niner five join the maverick one six six radial
 0613:46 LXJ318
 okay ah left is that one five five
 0613:49 DN

one niner five

0613:50 LXJ318

okay left one nine five and join the maverick ah one sixty six degree radial flexjet three eighteen

0613:57 DN

flexjet three eighteen actually if your able you can go direct to the ah ardia intersection

0614:00 LXJ318

okay we'll go direct to ardia flexjet three eighteen

0614:09 N96FC

regional departure citation nine six fox charlie one point five for two

0614:12 DN

citation nine six fox charlie departure radar contact climb and maintain one seven thousand

0614:17 N96FC

you were blocked was that for nine six foxtrot charlie to one seven thousand

0614:21 DN

november nine six fox charlie affirmative you're radar contact climb and maintain one seven thousand

0614:25 N96FC

nine six fox charlie thank you

0614:29 TXZ114

and uh regional approach texstar one fourteen

0614:31 DN

texstar one fourteen go ahead

0614:33 TXZ114

ah yes sir ah it looks like the attitude indicator is ah is ah not helping me out too much so i may need a little bit of help with this ah heading trying to keep it straight

0614:41 DN

texstar one fourteen roger maintain three thousand

0614:43 TXZ114

maintain three thousand texstar one fourteen

0614:46 DN

and so you can't fly headings then

0614:50 TXZ114

ah no sir it's ah it's very hard to fly a heading

0614:54 DN
texstar one fourteen roger turn right

0614:58 TXZ114
texstar one fourteen right

0615:02 LXJ242
flexjet two forty two checking on level two thousand

0615:05 DN
flexjet two forty two departure radar contact climb and maintain ah four thousand

0615:10 LXJ242
four thousand flexjet two forty two

0615:12 DN
texstar one fourteen turn left and i'll tell you when to stop turn

0615:17 TXZ114
a left turn and ah you'll tell me when to stop texstar one fourteen

0615:34 DR-1

0615:35 DN
can i run six fox charlie

0615:36 DR-1
ya

0615:37 DN
thanks

0615:39 DN
flexjet two forty two turn right heading one five zero contact departure one one eight point five five

0615:44 LXJ242
right one five zero eighteen fifty five flexjet two forty two

0615:48 DN
november six fox charlie turn right heading three two zero and join the ranger three six zero radial

0615:53 N96FC
three two zero join the departure nine six fox charlie

0615:58 DN
texstar one fourteen stop turn

0616:02 DN
texstar one fourteen stop turn

0616:09 DN
texstar one fourteen

0616:15 DN
flexjet three eighteen contact fort worth center one three three point three

0616:20 LXJ318
one thirty three point three flexjet three eighteen so long

0616:24 DN
texstar one fourteen departure if you hear me ident

0616:35 DN
starcheck one ninety six contact fort worth center one three four point one five

0616:39 USC196
starcheck one ninety six thirty four fifteen good day

0616:41 DN
citation six fox charlie maintain one seven thousand contact fort worth center one three four point one five

0616:47 N96FC
one three four point one five nine six foxtrot charlie

0616:53 DN
s i as are up to date equipment fluet is out of service airport status is ah everyone is north weather is ifr or marginal vfr autos at addison autos at love you have autos with all the drs cause they're combined at dr one traffic we'll find out where texstar one fourteen is starcheck one ninety six talking to the center six fox charlie is talking to the center we worked flexjet three eighteen he is talking to the center flexjet two forty two is talking to departure

0617:24 DN
okay got it

0617:25 DN
(unintelligible)

0619:08 MN
meacham north

0619:09 DN
did that texstar one fourteen call you

0619:11 MN

he worked feeder west did you all never talk to him i'll check around

0619:14 DN

yeah he disappeared right there

0619:16 MN

i know he disappeared but that's not what i said did you never talk to him

0619:18 DN

a yeah just for a minute

0619:20 MN

you did talk to him okay

0619:52 DN

addison

0619:56 DN

approach

0619:58 ADS

addison

0619:59 DN

did a texstar one fourteen call you

0620:00 ADS

no not yet

0620:01 DN

thank you

RADAR INFORMATION

Tangible recorded radar information was available for TexStar 114 from 0612:01 to 0615:43. A summary of the radar data is provided below.

0612:01 to 0612:48

Showed the airplane in a climb from 2,200 to 2,900 feet msl. Heading varied between 039 to 122 degrees. Ground speed varied between 129 knots to 162 knots.

0612:52 to 0613:06

Showed the airplane in a descent from 2,900 to 2,300 feet msl. Heading varied between 106 to 140 degrees. Ground speed varied between 155 to 189 knots.

0613:10 to 0613:43

Showed the airplane in a climb from 2,300 to 3,000 feet msl. Heading varied between 089 to 139 degrees. Ground speed varied between 176 to 189 knots.

0613:48 to 0615:29

Showed the airplane ranging in altitude from 3,200 to 2,700 feet msl. Heading varied between 034 to 205 degrees. Ground speed varied between 160 to 190 knots.

0615:34 to 0615:43

Showed the airplane in a descent from 2,800 through 2,200 feet msl (no valid radar returns after the airplane passed below 2,200 feet). Heading varied between 113 degrees and 176 degrees. ground speed varied between 178 to 194 knots.

WRECKAGE AND IMPACT INFORMATION

The accident site was in a rural wooded residential neighborhood, located approximately 9.5 miles southeast of DTO. The Global Positioning System (GPS) location of the accident site was 33 degrees 10 minutes 11 seconds North latitude, and 097 degrees 1 minute and 93 seconds West longitude. The airplane initially impacted a wooded area adjacent to a rural paved road. Evidence at the site showed that the airplane was in a steep 90-degree nose-down attitude with approximately 90-degree left bank. From the initial impact point, the airplane slid forward along the energy path for approximately 100 feet, crossed the paved road and came to rest in the garage of a private residence. The energy path was oriented on a magnetic heading of 10 degrees. The airplane was severely fragmented from the ground impact, and a post-impact fire consumed the airplane.

Flight control cable continuity could not be confirmed due to the condition of the wreckage. The tail section came to rest on two vehicles in the driveway of the house, and remained relatively intact. The elevator trim tab actuator was extended approximately 1.5 inches. The rudder trim tab setting was approximately 2.25 inches. Impact marks within the main landing gear wheel wells indicated that the main landing gear was in the retracted position. Both wings were fragmented within the main wreckage area, and their respective flaps and ailerons were separated. A section of the rear cabin area floor remained attached to the tail section. The seats and seat restraint systems were destroyed by impact forces.

Both engines were separated from the airplane and exhibited severe impact damage. The left engine came to rest on the road approximately 40 feet from the initial impact point. The right engine was embedded in the ground approximately 4 feet below the pavement of the street. The fuel tanks and fuel lines were fragmented, and the smell of fuel was evident at the accident site. The vacuum pump on each engine was disassembled and visually examined. The left pump rotor was fractured and the pump vanes were found intact. The right pump rotor was intact and the pump vanes were found intact. All three blades of each propeller exhibited torsional bending. No anomalies were noted at the accident site that would have precluded normal engine operation prior to impact.

The gyro instruments found at the accident site were the co-pilot's direction gyro (vacuum), a turn and bank indicator (electric), and the pilot's attitude indicator (vacuum). The gyros were disassembled, and visually examined. The co-pilot's direction gyro examination revealed rotation signatures on the gyro and the gyro housing. The turn and bank indicator revealed a "faint" rotational signature on the gyro. The pilot's attitude indicator gyro had no rotational signatures, and exhibited blunt impressions corresponding to the gyro buckets on the inside of the gyro-housing wall. A maintenance repair data plate ("Functional Tested") was found on the attitude indicator's instrument housing dated 12/2/02. Due to the extent of the fire damage, no instrument readings could be obtained.

MEDICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL INFORMATION

An autopsy was performed on the pilot by the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Tarrant County Medical Examiner's District, Fort Worth, Texas, on December 5, 2002. Toxicological tests were performed by the FAA's Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Tests were negative for drugs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Radar data showed that the aircraft did not stabilize on a particular heading throughout the flight. Physical evidence showed that the pilot's attitude gyro was not "spooled" at the time of impact. These indicators, coupled with the dark night, instrument meteorological conditions, and no visible horizon, could have contributed to spatial disorientation.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Flight Instructor; Commercial	Age:	24, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane Multi-engine; Airplane Single-engine; Instrument Airplane	Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 1 With Waivers/Limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	08/09/2002
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	10/31/2001
Flight Time:	1290 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N402ME
Model/Series:	402C	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	402C0010
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	10
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	11/13/2002, 100 Hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	6885 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Turbo Prop
Airframe Total Time:	16464.6 Hours as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	TSIO-520-VB1
Registered Owner:	Agnew Corporation	Rated Power:	325 hp
Operator:	Tex Star Air Freight Inc.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Air Cargo; On-demand Air Taxi (135)
Operator Does Business As:	TexStar AirFreight	Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night
Observation Facility, Elevation:	DTO, 642 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	9 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0604 CST	Direction from Accident Site:	280°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Thin Broken / 600 ft agl	Visibility	7 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 1200 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	9 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	350°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.11 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	4° C / 4° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	Light - Rain		
Departure Point:	Denton, TX (DTO)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	Dallas, TX (DAL)	Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	0611 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:	33.169722, -97.032222

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Alexander Lemishko	Report Date:	03/30/2005
Additional Participating Persons:	Dale Johnson; FAA Flight Standards District Office; Fort Worth, TX John T Kent; Teledyne Continental Motors; Seagoville, TX Seth D Buttner; Cessna Aircraft Company; Wichita, KS		
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