

Brief of Accident

Adopted 03/23/2010

CHI08LA129 File No. 26455	05/09/2008	Ada, MI	Aircraft Reg No. N893FE	Time (Local): 20:37 EDT
Make/Model: Cessna / 208B			Fatal	Minor/None
Engine Make/Model: Pratt & Whitney / PT6-114A			Crew 0	1
Aircraft Damage: Substantial			Pass 0	0
Number of Engines: 1				
Operating Certificate(s): On-demand Air Taxi				
Name of Carrier: CSA AIR INC				
Type of Flight Operation: Non-scheduled; Domestic; Cargo				
Reg. Flight Conducted Under: Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter				
Last Depart. Point: TRAVERSE CITY, MI			Condition of Light: Dusk	
Destination: GRAND RAPIDS, MI			Weather Info Src: Weather Observation Facility	
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip			Basic Weather: Visual Conditions	
			Lowest Ceiling: 12000 Ft. AGL, Overcast	
			Visibility: 10.00 SM	
			Wind Dir/Speed: 320 / 009 Kts	
			Temperature (°C): 15	
			Precip/Obscuration: No Obscuration; No Precipitation	

Pilot-in-Command	Age: 39	Flight Time (Hours)
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)		Total All Aircraft: 5600
Commercial; Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land		Last 90 Days: 60
Instrument Ratings		Total Make/Model: 3450
Airplane		Total Instrument Time: 670

*** Note: NTSB investigators may not have traveled in support of this investigation and used data provided by various sources to prepare this aircraft accident report. ***

The airplane was on a visual approach to an airport when the engine stopped producing power. The pilot subsequently landed the airplane in a field, but struck trees at the edge of the field during the forced landing. Examination of the engine, engine fuel controls, and Power Analyzer and Recorder (PAR), provided evidence that the engine shut down during the flight. Further examination of engine and fuel system components from the accident airplane failed to reveal a definitive reason for the uncommanded engine shut-down.

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OCCURRENCES

Approach - Loss of engine power (total)
Landing - Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

FINDINGS

Aircraft-Aircraft power plant-Power plant-(general)-Failure - C
Not determined-Not determined-(general)-(general)-Unknown/Not determined - C
Environmental issues-Physical environment-Object/animal/substance-Tree(s)-Not specified

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

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:
A loss of engine power for undetermined reasons.