National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594

Brief of Accident

Adopted

ATL86FA001
File No. 2119 | 10/01/1985 | CHAPEL HILL ,NC | Aircraft Reg No. N2765U | Time (Local): 15:20 EDT

Make/Model:	Cessna/172
Engine Make/Model:	Continental / O-300 SER
Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Number of Engines:	1
Operating Certificate(s):	None
Type of Flight Operation:	Personal
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation

	Fatal	Serious	Minor/None
Crew	1	0	0
Pass	1	0	0

Last Depart. Point:	Same as Accident/Incident Location
Destination:	Same as Accident/Incident Location
Airport Proximity:	Off Airport/Airstrip

Condition of Light:	Day
Weather Info Src:	Weather Observation Facility
Basic Weather:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling:	None
Visibility:	7.00 SM
Wind Dir/Speed:	130 / 007 kts
Temperature (°C):	27
Precip/Obscuration:	

Pilot-in-Command Age: 60

Certificate(s)/Rating(s)
Private; Single-engine Land

Instrument Ratings
None

Flight Time (Hours)

Total All Aircraft:	1600
Last 90 Days:	Unk/Nr
Total Make/Model:	Unk/Nr
Total Instrument Time:	UnK/Nr

*** Note: NTSB investigators either traveled in support of this investigation or conducted a significant amount of investigative work without any travel, and used data obtained from various sources to prepare this aircraft accident report. ***

N2765U CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER MAKING A LOW PASS OVER A PRIVATE AIR STRIP NEAR CHAPEL HILL. THE AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN IN A NOSE HIGH ATTITUDE PRIOR TO IMPACTING A TREE ABOUT 40 ABOVE THE GROUND. THE AIRCRAFT ALSO COLLIDED WITH A POWER TRANSMISSION LINE. THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED THE GROUND IN A NOSE LOW ATTITUDE AND BURNED. EXAMINATION OF THE WRECKAGE FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY SYSTEM MALFUNCTION OR FAILURE.

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Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

Findings
1. (C) FLIGHT CONTROLS - IMPROPER USE OF - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) LOW PASS - PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) PULL-UP - EXCESSIVE - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

Findings
5. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)
6. (F) OBJECT - WIRE,TRANSMISSION

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

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