



Brief of Accident (Continued)

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File No. 1630                      12/24/1997                      RALEIGH-DURHAM ,NC                      Aircraft Reg No. N12172                      Time (Local): 20:08 EST

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Occurrence #1:      LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2:      IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

2. LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT
3. WEATHER CONDITION - LOW CEILING
4. TERRAIN CONDITION - WET

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

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The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows:  
Was loss of control of the airplane on initial climb after entering instrument flight conditions resulting in a turn opposite in direction from that given by ATC, and eventual collision with terrain.