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File No. 24627

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Clayton ,NC

Aircraft Reg No. N8844H

Time (Local): 10:10 EDT

Examination of the airframe, flight controls, engine, engine accessories, and propeller revealed no evidence of preimpact failure or malfunction.

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Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH WEATHER
Phase of Operation: CRUISE - NORMAL

Findings

1. WEATHER CONDITION - LOW CEILING
 2. (F) PREFLIGHT BRIEFING SERVICE - NOT ATTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 3. (F) FLIGHT INTO KNOWN ADVERSE WEATHER - INTENTIONAL - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: ABRUPT MANEUVER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - TURN TO REVERSE DIRECTION

Findings

4. (C) MANEUVER TO AVOID OBSTRUCTIONS - INTENTIONAL - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

5. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

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

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows:
The pilot's intentional abrupt maneuver during low altitude cruise flight to avoid obstructions ahead, resulting in an in-flight collision with terrain and a building. Contributing to the accident were the failure of the pilot to obtain a preflight weather briefing and his flight into known IMC.