

National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594

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Brief of Accident

Adopted 02/27/2013

CEN12FA072
File No. 30902 11/17/2011 Perryville ,AR Aircraft Reg No. N7746W Time (Local): 16:10 CST

Make/Model: Piper/PA-28-180
Engine Make/Model: Lycoming / O-360-A3A
Aircraft Damage: Substantial
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	3	0	0

Last Depart. Point: Stillwater, OK
Destination: Little Rock, AR
Airport Proximity:
Airport Name: Unk/Nr
Runway Identification: Unk/Nr
Runway Length/Width (Ft): Unk/Nr
Runway Surface:
Runway Surface Condition:

Condition of Light: Day
Weather Info Src: Weather Observation Facility
Basic Weather: Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling: None
Visibility: 10.00 SM
Wind Dir/Speed: 200 / 003 kts
Temperature (°C): 11
Precip/Obscuration: No Obscuration; No Precipitation

Pilot-in-Command Age: 82
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)
Flight Instructor; Commercial; Single-engine Land

Flight Time (Hours)
Total All Aircraft: 2200
Last 90 Days: Unk/Nr
Total Make/Model: 350
Total Instrument Time: 278

Instrument Ratings
Airplane

*** 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. ***

About 2 hours after departure, radar data tracked the airplane at 7,000 feet before the airplane then initiated a right, descending turn before disappearing from radar. Witnesses reported seeing the airplane flying low, descending, making several turns, before impacting terrain. Impact signatures were consistent with a steep, nose-low attitude. An examination of the airframe and engine did not reveal any preimpact anomalies. The reason for the pilot's loss of control could not be determined.

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OCCURRENCES

Enroute-cruise - Unknown or undetermined
Enroute-cruise - Loss of control in flight
Uncontrolled descent - Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

FINDINGS

Aircraft-Aircraft oper/perf/capability-Performance/control parameters-(general)-Not attained/maintained - C
Not determined-Not determined-(general)-(general)-Unknown/Not determined - C
Personnel issues-Task performance-Use of equip/info-Aircraft control-Pilot - C

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

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows:
The pilot's loss of control in flight.