



Brief of Accident (Continued)

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File No. 10486

01/27/2001

Strasburg, CO

Aircraft Reg No. N81PF

Time (Local): 00:37 UTC

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Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) SPATIAL DISORIENTATION - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM - FAILURE

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.

The pilots spatial disorientation resulting from his failure to maintain positive manual control of the airplane with the available flight instrumentation. Contributing to the cause of the accident was the loss of a.c. electrical power during instrument meteorological conditions.