 National Transportation Safety Board <b>FACTUAL REPORT</b> <b>AVIATION</b>	NTSB ID: DCA09RA052	Aircraft Registration Number: F-GZCP
	Occurrence Date: 06/01/2009	Most Critical Injury: Fatal
	Occurrence Type: Accident	Investigated By: Foreign

## Location/Time

Nearest City/Place Atlantic	State	Zip Code	Local Time 0220	Time Zone UTC	
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Airport Proximity:	Distance From Landing Facility:
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## Aircraft Information Summary

Aircraft Manufacturer AIRBUS	Model/Series A330/203	Type of Aircraft Airplane
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Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No


Air Medical Transport Flight: No


## Narrative

Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:

At approximately 0220 UTC Air France flight 447, an Airbus A330, registration F-GZCP, en route from Rio de Janerio, Brazil to Paris, France lost contact with ATC over the Atlantic Ocean. Automatic maintenance messages were recieved, and some wreckage has been recovered. Strong convective weather was in the vicinity. The investigation is being led by the French Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses (BEA) The US NTSB is participating as the State of Manufacture of the General Electric engines.

For information see <http://www.bea.aero/fr/enquetes/vol.af.447/vol.af.447.php>  
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<b>Landing Facility/Approach Information</b>						
Airport Name		Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:						
Runway Surface Condition:						
Approach/Arrival Flown:						
VFR Approach/Landing:						
<b>Aircraft Information</b>						
Aircraft Manufacturer AIRBUS		Model/Series A330/203		Serial Number 660		
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Transport						
Landing Gear Type: Tricycle						
Amateur Built Acft? No	Number of Seats:	Certified Max Gross Wt. LBS		Number of Engines: 2		
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:	Rated Power:			
- Aircraft Inspection Information						
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection Hours	Airframe Total Time Hours			
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information						
ELT Installed?/Type	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?				
<b>Owner/Operator Information</b>						
Registered Aircraft Owner Air France		Street Address				
		City	State	Zip Code		
Operator of Aircraft Air France		Street Address				
		City	State	Zip Code		
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code:			
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None						
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): Foreign Operation						
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:			
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Non-U.S., Commercial						
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Scheduled; International; Passenger Only						
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**First Pilot Information**

Name	City	State	Date of Birth	Age
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Sex:	Seat Occupied:	Occupational Pilot?	Certificate Number:
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Certificate(s):

Airplane Rating(s):

Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA:

Instrument Rating(s):

Instructor Rating(s):

Current Biennial Flight Review?

Medical Cert.:	Medical Cert. Status:	Date of Last Medical Exam:
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- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot In Command(PIC)										
Instructor										
Instruction Received										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

Seatbelt Used?	Shoulder Harness Used?	Toxicology Performed?	Second Pilot? Yes
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**Flight Plan/Itinerary**

Type of Flight Plan Filed: Unknown


Departure Point	State	Airport Identifier	Departure Time	Time Zone
Destination	State	Airport Identifier		

Type of Clearance:

Type of Airspace:

**Weather Information**

Source of Wx Information:

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**Weather Information**

WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation  Ft. MSL	WOF Distance From Accident Site  NM	Direction From Accident Site  Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:				Ft. AGL	Condition of Light:
Lowest Ceiling:			Ft. AGL	Visibility: SM	Altimeter: "Hg
Temperature: °C	Dew Point: °C	Weather Conditions at Accident Site:			
Wind Direction:		Wind Speed:		Wind Gusts:	
Visibility (RVR): Ft.	Visibility (RVV) SM				
Precip and/or Obscuration:					

**Accident Information**

Aircraft Damage: Destroyed	Aircraft Fire: None	Aircraft Explosion
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- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot	1				1
Second Pilot	1				1
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants	9				9
Other Crew	1				1
Passengers	216				216
- TOTAL ABOARD -	228				228
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -	228				228

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

William R. English

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation: