

National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594

Brief of Accident

Adopted 09/11/1989

LAX88DVD04
File No. 1042 06/05/1988 GEYSERVILLE, CA Aircraft Reg No. N5061W Time (Local): 13:00 PDT

Make/Model: BELLANCA / 8KCAB
Engine Make/Model: LYCOMING / AEIO-360-H1A
Aircraft Damage: Destroyed
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	0	0	0

Last Depart. Point: CLOVERDALE , CA
Destination: Local Flight
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip

Condition of Light: Day
Weather Info Src: Weather Observation Facility
Basic Weather: Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling: 4500 Ft. AGL, Broken
Visibility: 30.00 SM
Wind Dir/Speed: 290 / 012 Kts
Temperature (°C): 18
Precip/Obscuration: None

Pilot-in-Command Age: 45

Flight Time (Hours)

Certificate(s)/Rating(s)
Commercial; Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land
Instrument Ratings
Airplane

Total All Aircraft: 2335
Last 90 Days: Unk/Nr
Total Make/Model: 500
Total Instrument Time: 105

DURING AN AEROBATIC MANEUVER IN FRONT OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS THE PILOT ENTERED AN INTENTIONAL SPIN STARTING AT APPROXIMATELY 500 FT AGL. THE AIRCRAFT COLLIDED WITH THE GROUND IN A NOSE LOW, WINGS LEVEL ATTITUDE. WITNESSES STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY PROBLEMS PRIOR TO IMPACT.

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Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (F) AEROBATICS - PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) STALL/SPIN - INTENTIONAL - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) ALTITUDE - MISJUDGED - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.