

Brief of Accident (Continued)

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File No. 925 10/09/1998 SUPERIOR, WI Aircraft Reg No. N924TA Time (Local): 17:00 CDT

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (C) CLEARANCE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) AEROBATICS - PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)
5. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - BERM

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

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.
the pilot not maintaining clearance with the terrain, and his improper decision to enter maneuvers too close to the terrain. Factors contributing to this accident were the aerobatic maneuvers, the trees and the berm.