

Brief of Accident (Continued)

MIA00LA248
File No. 387 08/25/2000 NICEVILLE, FL Aircraft Reg No. N57648 Time (Local): 12:45 CDT

Occurrence #1: HARD LANDING
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

1. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE - NOT FOLLOWED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) GLIDER/TOW RELEASE - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. PRECAUTIONARY LANDING - ATTEMPTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
6. AIRSPEED - NOT POSSIBLE - PILOT IN COMMAND
7. STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

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

The pilots failure to drop the advertising banner prior to a precautionary landing resulting in the aircraft stalling and landing hard. Contributing to the accident was the pilots failure to maintain airspeed during climb after banner pickup resulting in the aircraft entered the early stages of a stall, and the pilots failure to recognize the early stages of a stall and initiate recovery.