



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Concord, North Carolina Accident Number: ERA24LA186

Date & Time: April 12, 2024, 11:08 Local Registration: N777NT

Aircraft: Cessna 210 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Sys/Comp malf/fail (non-power) **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

During approach, the pilot attempted to extend the landing gear, but it remained retracted. The pilot was unable to extend the landing gear via normal or emergency procedures, and subsequently observed that all the hydraulic fluid had leaked out of the reservoir. The pilot diverted to a larger airport and performed a gear-up landing. During the landing, the airplane skidded right, and came to rest upright partially off the right side of the runway. Examination of the wreckage revealed substantial damage to the right horizontal stabilizer and right elevator. The examination also revealed that a hydraulic hose (possibly the original hose) had deteriorated and separated from its fitting, allowing all the hydraulic fluid to leak out of the system.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Failure of a landing gear extension system hydraulic hose, which resulted in a landing with the landing gear retracted.

Findings

Aircraft Gear extension and retract sys - Failure

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Approach Sys/Comp malf/fail (non-power) (Defining event)

LandingLanding gear not configuredLanding-flare/touchdownAbnormal runway contact

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	35,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	March 26, 2024
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	October 25, 2023
Flight Time:	1008 hours (Total, all aircraft), 197 hours (Total, this make and model), 789 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 77 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N777NT
Model/Series:	210 L	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1975	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	21060972
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	April 15, 2023 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3800 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	100 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	6333 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	C91 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	10-520
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	JQF,704 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	10:50 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	9 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	12 knots / 27 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:	270°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	29.82 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	18°C / 4°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Chester, SC (DCM)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Concord, NC	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	08:52 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

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Airport Information

Airport:	Concord Regional Airport JQF	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	704 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	20	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	7402 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Straight-in

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	35.38777,-80.709132

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gretz, Robert
Additional Participating Persons:	Bruce Codwise; FAA/FSDO; Charlotte, NC
Original Publish Date:	June 21, 2024
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class 4
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=194120

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