



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	Chevroux, France	Accident Number:	DEN08WA042
Date & Time:	12/17/2007, 1045 UTC	Registration:	
Aircraft:	Reims F172 M	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Non-U.S., Non-Commercial		

On December 17, 2007, at 1045 coordinated universal time, a Reims F172 M, French registered FBVIF, owned by Airclub Besancon la Veze and piloted by the accident pilot, was destroyed when it impacted terrain under unknown circumstances near Chevroux, France. A postimpact fire ensued. Instrument meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident. The pilot was fatally injured. The flight originated from Chalon (LFLH) and was en route to Bourg (LFHS), France.

The French investigators reported that the airplane collided with the ground in "bad weather conditions."

The accident investigation is under the jurisdiction and control of the French government. This report is for informational purposes only and contains only information released by or obtained from the French government or the French Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau. Further information pertaining to this accident may be obtained from:

Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau

Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses

Zone Sud

200 rue de Paris

Aéroport du Bourget

93350 Le Bourget Cedex

France

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Age:
Airplane Rating(s):	Seat Occupied:
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Restraint Used:
Instrument Rating(s):	Second Pilot Present: No
Instructor Rating(s):	Toxicology Performed:
Medical Certification:	Last FAA Medical Exam:
Occupational Pilot:	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:
Flight Time:	

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Reims	Registration:	
Model/Series:	F172 M	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	
Registered Owner:	Airclub Besancon la Veze	Rated Power:	
Operator:	Airclub Besancon la Veze	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	LFL	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	1030	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 100 ft agl	Visibility	0.7 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 200 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	1 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	Variable	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.3 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	-5 °C / -6 °C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	Fog; Snow Grains		
Departure Point:	Chalon (LFLH)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Unknown
Destination:	Bourg (LFHS)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	46.383333, 4.966667

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Jennifer S Kaiser
Additional Participating Persons:	David Sebastien; French BEA
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinquiry@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .