

Brief of Accident (Continued)

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File No. 11444 01/25/2001 Dryden, MI Aircraft Reg No. N704G Time (Local): 18:12 EST

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - DOWNWIND

Findings

1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT
2. (C) ALTITUDE/CLEARANCE - NOT MAINTAINED - 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 maintain altitude/clearance from the terrain. The dark night was a factor.