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## National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594  
Safety Recommendation

Date: June 22, 1990

In reply refer to: A-90-92

Honorable James B. Busey  
Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20591

Within the last 18 months the Safety Board has investigated five accidents in which the main landing gear (MLG) on Piper PA-34-200T airplanes has separated during landing roll resulting in damage to the airplanes.<sup>1/</sup> In each accident the left MLG, assembly part number P/N 67926-12, collapsed because of a transverse fracture in the trunnion at the aft web lower end fillet. Metallurgical examination of the separations on the first four trunnions disclosed that the fractures stemmed from very shallow (less than 0.09-inch-deep) fatigue cracks initiating from multiple origins along the aft surface at the lower end of the fillet web. The length of these fatigue cracks ranged from 0.20 to 0.40 inch. Origination of the fatigue was at the forging parting plane in an area of circumferentially oriented grinding marks. The fifth trunnion was not analyzed by the Safety Board metallurgical laboratory; however, the field inspector reported that the trunnion separated similarly and in the same area as the other four trunnions.

On August 15, 1985, the Piper Aircraft Corporation issued Service Bulletin (SB) No. 787A that advised owners and operators of Piper PA-34-200 Seneca, PA-34-200T Seneca II, PA-34-220T Seneca III, PA-44-180 Seminole, and PA-44-180T Seminole airplanes to inspect the MLG trunnions for cracks at the first 1,000 hours time in service and thereafter at intervals of 100 hours until replaced with modified trunnions. However, no mention is made in this SB of the need to inspect for grinding marks or scratches in this area. Trunnions affected by SB No. 787A are P/N 67926 for PA-34-200, PA-34-200T, PA-44-180, and PA-44-180T airplanes and P/N 38486 for PA-34-220T airplanes. The affected trunnion P/Ns are followed by a single or double digit dash number (for example, 67926-2 or 67926-12) indicating whether they are of a different configuration and/or are for the left or right landing gear.

<sup>1/</sup> NTSB Brief of Accident File Nos. 418, 1622, 1883, 5019, and 5072.

The affected trunnions can also be identified by the forging part number. Forging numbers extend above the barrel surface and are an integral part of the forging. Several forging varieties were made; therefore, several forging numbers exist. The affected trunnions will have one of the following forging numbers: 67924, 67924-0, or 67924-1.

The modified trunnions have an increased web cross section in the area of the aft fillet that extends the length of the barrel. The modified trunnions have the same basic part numbers as the affected trunnions except that the part numbers of the modified trunnions are followed by triple digit dash numbers (for example, 67926-802).

The increased cross sectional area and the consequent lower stress on the aft side of the modified trunnion housing provides a greater safety margin during landing and takeoff. Piper Aircraft Corporation reports that PA-34 and PA-44 airplanes using the new trunnion design have not experienced problems.

A review of Accident/Incident Service Difficulty Reports from the National Safety Data Branch of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from January 1, 1983, through July 28, 1989, revealed 25 occurrences in which the trunnion separated on landing and 65 occurrences in which the trunnion was found cracked during ground inspection. In two reported cases, the cracks were found in the web by using a dye penetrant inspection method after visual inspection failed to detect a crack. Four incidents in which trunnions separated on landing occurred within 17 flight hours after the inspection specified in SB 787A. Of these four incidents, one occurred at 4 flight hours since inspection and one occurred on the next flight after inspection. It is believed that some of the fatigue cracks may not be detectable by a detailed visual inspection because of their relatively small size and because they may not be readily differentiated from the grinding marks or scratches on the metal surface.

The SB 787A inspection procedure is to be accomplished by "properly cleaning the trunnion housing of dirt and paint" and by visually inspecting the aft side of the lower end of the fillet web with a 10-power magnifying glass. However, the service bulletin does not specify how the paint should be removed from the trunnion web area prior to visual inspection. The paint removal method is a critical step if crack detection is to be successful. A mechanical cleaning method, such as sanding or grinding, will disturb and mask preexisting surface cracks. A commercial paint stripper (a chemical method) will successfully remove paint without disturbing the underlying metal surface.

The Piper Aircraft Corporation has indicated that the longitudinal forging parting plane that passes through the web surface of the trunnions was subjected to mechanical grinding during manufacture to remove residual forging metal flash and that grinding marks remained on the final parts. In each of the four trunnions examined by Safety Board metallurgists, the fatigue cracks propagated along circumferential grinding marks on the aft surface in the web area. Grinding marks oriented circumferentially to the trunnion barrel will act as greater stress raisers than marks oriented longitudinally. Consequently, the circumferential grinding marks should be removed by polishing to reduce the stress concentration in this area.

The Safety Board notes that although no fatalities have occurred to date as a result of PA-34 and PA-44 trunnion separations, the possibility of extensive property damage and injury or death resulting from such an incident exists. Therefore, the National Transportation Safety Board recommends that the Federal Aviation Administration:

Issue an airworthiness directive for Piper Aircraft Corporation PA-34 and PA-44 airplanes having main landing gear trunnions identified by part number (P/N) 67926 or P/N 38486 followed by a single- or double-digit dash number to require periodic inspection and inspections of the lower fillet of the web on the aft surface of the trunnion for evidence of cracks (by periodic inspection with an appropriate nondestructive testing method such as dye penetrant or eddy current) and grinding marks or scratches (by a one-time detailed visual inspection that does not disturb the trunnion metal surface). Trunnions found to contain cracks should be removed from service and trunnions found to contain grinding marks or scratches should be reworked by polishing to remove these discontinuities. (Class II, Priority Action)(A-90-92)

KOLSTAD, Chairman, COUGHLIN, Acting Vice Chairman, LAUBER and BURNETT, Members, concurred in this recommendation.

By: James L. Kolstad  
Chairman

National Transportation Safety Board  
Washington, D.C. 20594

Brief of Incident

File No. - 5019      5/05/89      MIAMI, FL      A/C Reg. No. N859SC      Time (LCL) - 2307 EDT

Basic Information

Type Operations Certificate-ON-DEMAND AIR TAXI  
Name of Carrier -GULF FLIGHT CENTER  
Type of Operation -NON SCENIC, DOMESTIC, PASSENGER  
Flight Conducted Under -14 CFR 135  
Incident Occurred During -LANDING

Aircraft Information

Make/Model - PIPER PA-34-200T  
Landing Gear - TRICYCLE-RETRACTABLE  
Max Gross Wt - 4570  
No. of Seats - 6

Environment/Operations Information

Weather Data  
Wx: Briefing - NO RECORD OF BRIEFING  
Method - N/A  
Completeness - N/A  
Basic Weather - VMC  
Wind Dir/Speed - 160/005 KTS  
Visibility - 7.0 SH  
Lowest Sky/Clouds - 7000 FT SCATTERED  
Lowest Ceiling - NONE  
Obstructions to Vision- NONE  
Precipitation - NONE  
Condition of Light - NIGHT (BRIGHT)

Itinerary  
Last Departure Point  
SARASOTA FL  
Destination  
SAME AS ACC/INC

ATC/Airspace  
Type of Flight Plan - NONE  
Type of Clearance - UFR  
Type Aircraft/Lndns - STRAIGHT-IN  
Full Stop

Personnel Information

Pilot-In-Command  
Certificates/Ratings(s)  
COMMERCIAL  
SE LAND, ME LAND  
Age - 56  
Biennial Flight Review  
Current - YES  
Months Since - 6  
Aircraft Type - FA-34  
Medical Certificate - VALID MEDICAL-WAIVERS/LIMIT  
Flight Time (Hours)  
Total - 3136  
Make/Model - 564  
Instrument - 458  
Multi-Eng - 1162  
Last 24 Hrs - 6  
Last 30 Days - 84  
Last 90 Days - 217

Instrument Rating(s) - AIRPLANE

Narrative

THE PLT REPORTED THAT AFTER THE ACFT HAD TOUCHED DOWN & ROLLED APPROX 400 TO 600 FT, THE LEFT MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED & THE ACFT VEERED OFF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RWY, AN INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR TRUNNION HAD FAILED FROM FATIGUE. THE FAILURE OCCURRED THRU THE BARREL NEXT TO THE LOWER END OF THE FILLET. A METALLURGICAL EXAM SHOWED THE FATIGUE HAD ORIGINATED AT THE BASE OF A GRINDING MARK. SEVERAL SECONDARY CRACKS WERE ALSO FOUND WHICH ORIGINATED FROM GRINDING MARKS NEXT TO THE FATIGUE FRACTURE. THE AIRPLANE LOGBOOK SHOWED THE TRUNNION HAD BEEN INSPECTED AT THE LAST 100 HR INSPECTION BY FIFER SERVICE BULLETIN (S/B) #787A. THE ACFT HAD FLOWN ABOUT 80 HRS SINCE THAT INSPECTION. THE S/B REQUIREMENT WAS TO PROPERLY CLEAN THE TRUNNION HOUSING OF DIRT AND FAINT AND CAREFULLY INSPECT THE HOUSING FOR CRACKS WITH A 10 POWER GLASS AT THE LOWER END OF THE FILLET.

Brief of Incident (Continued)

File No. - 5019      5/05/89      MIAMI, FL

Time (Lcl) - 2307 EDT

A/C Reg. No. N859SC

Occurrence #1      MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)

1. LANDING GEAR, MAIN GEAR STRUT - FATIGUE
2. MAINTENANCE, SERVICE BULLETINS - PERFORMED -
3. PROCEDURE INADEQUATE - MANUFACTURER

Occurrence #2      LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)

4. DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT POSSIBLE -
5. GROUND LOOP/SNERVE - UNCONTROLLED -

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines that the Probable Cause(s) of this incident was:  
FATIGUE FAILURE OF THE LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR TRUNNION. A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR WAS: INADEQUATE INSPECTION PROCEDURE  
IN PIFER SERVICE BULLETIN #7B7A.

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Brief of Accident

File No. - 41B      6/16/89      LAS CRUCES, NM

A/C Reg. No. N36345

Time (Lcl) - 1115 MDT

Basic Information

Type Operator/NONE (GENERAL AVIATION)

Type of Operation - INSTRUCTIONAL  
Flight Conducted Under - 14 CFR 91  
Accident Occurred During - LANDING

Aircraft Information

Make/Model - PIPER PA-34-200T  
Landing Gear - TRICYCLE-RETRACTABLE  
Max Gross Wt - 4570  
No. of Seats - 6

Aircraft Damage  
SUBSTANTIAL  
Fire - NONE

Crew Pass - 2  
Fatal Pass - 0

Injuries  
Fatal - 0  
Serious - 0  
Minor - 0

None - 2  
2  
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Environment/Operations Information

Weather Data  
Wx: Briefings - COMPANY  
Method - IN PERSON  
Completeness - WEATHER NOT PERTINENT  
Basic Weather - VMC  
Wind Dir/Speed - 130/007 KTS  
Visibility - 60.0 SM  
Lowest Sky/Clouds - UNK/NR  
Lowest Ceiling - NONE  
Obstructions to Vision - NONE  
Precipitation - NONE  
Condition of Light - DAYLIGHT

Itinerary  
Last Departure Point  
SAME AS ACC/INC  
Destination  
LOCAL

ATC/Airspace  
Type of Flight Plan - NONE  
Type of Clearance - NONE  
Type Acc/Inds - TRAFFIC PATTERN

Personnel Information

Pilot-In-Command  
Certificates/Ratings(s)  
COMMERCIAL,CFI  
SE LAND,ME LAND

Medical Certificate - VALID MEDICAL-NO WAIVERS/LIMIT  
Biennial Flight Review  
Current - YES

Flight Time (Hours)  
Months Since - 1  
Aircraft Type - FA-34

Total - 1540  
Hake/Model - 30  
Instrument - 77  
Multi-Eng - 42

Instrument Rating(s) - AIRLINE

Narrative

THE LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR COLLAPSED SHORTLY AFTER TOUCHDOWN. THE ACFT THEN VEERED OFF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RWY & WAS FURTHER DAMAGED. AN INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE LEFT GEAR COLLAPSED AFTER THE LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR TRUNNION HAD FAILED. THE TRUNNION FAILED IN AN AREA THAT WAS ADDRESSED BY PIPER SERVICE BULLETIN #787A. SERVICE BULLETIN #787A REQUIRED AN INSPECTION OF THE TRUNNION AT THE 1ST 1000 HRS TIME IN SERVICE AND THEREAFTER AT INTERVALS NOT TO EXCEED 100 HRS UNTIL IT WAS REPLACED BY A MODIFIED TRUNNION. THE ACFT HAD FLOWN 67 HRS SINCE THE LAST INSPECTION.

Brief of Accident (Continued)

File No. - 418      6/16/89      LAS CRUCES, NM      A/C Reg. No. N36345      Time (Lcl) = 1115 MDT

Occurrence #1      MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Finding(s)

1. LANDING GEAR, MAIN GEAR STRUT - FAILURE, TOTAL
2. MAINTENANCE, SERVICE BULLETINS - PERFORMED -
3. PROCEDURE INADEQUATE - MANUFACTURER

Occurrence #2      LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)

4. DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT POSSIBLE -
5. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - UNCONTROLLED -

----Probable Cause----

The National Transportation Safety Board determines that the Probable Cause(s) of this accident was:  
FAILURE OF THE LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR TRUNNION, A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR WAS: INADEQUATE INSPECTION PROCEDURE IN  
PIPER SERVICE BULLETIN #78A.

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Brief of Accident

File No. - 1622      8/01/88      LAURENS, SC

A/C Reg. No. N8191J

Basic Information

Type Operating Certificate-NONE (GENERAL AVIATION)

Type of Operation	-PERSONAL
Flight Conducted Under	-14 CFR 91
Accident Occurred During	-LANDING

Aircraft Information

Make/Model	- PIPER PA-34-200T
Landing Gear	- TRICYCLE-RETRACTABLE
Max Gross Wt	- 4570
No. of Seats	- 7

Environment/Operations Information

Weather Data	Wx Briefing	- FSS
Method	- TELEPHONE	
Completeness*	- WEATHER NOT PERTINENT	
Basic Weather	- VMC	
Wind Dir/Speed	- 090/004 KTS	
Visibility	- 10.0 SM	ATC/AirSpace
Lowest Sky/Clouds	- 5500 FT SCATTERED	Type of Flight Plan - NONE
Lowest Ceiling	- NONE	Type of Clearance - NONE
Obstructions to Vision-	NONE	Type Apch/Lndg - TRAFFIC PATTERN
Precipitation	- NONE	FULL STOP
Condition of Light	- DAYLIGHT	

Personnel Information

Pilot-In-Command	Age	- 33
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)	Biennial Flight Review	Medical Certificate - VALID MEDICAL-WAIVERS/LIMIT
ATP,CFI	Current	Flight Time (Hours)
SE LAND,ME LAND	Months Since	Total - 4207
	Aircraft Type	Hake/Model - 254
		Instrument- 473
		Multi-Eng - 1350

Instrument Rating(s) - AIRPLANE

Narrative

THE PLT RPTD THAT WHEN HE LANDED, EVERYTHING SEEMED NORMAL UNTIL HE WAS LOWERING THE NOSE TO THE RWY DRG THE LANDING ROLL. AT THAT TIME, THE LEFT WING BEGAN TO SETTLE. AT FIRST, HE THOUGHT THE LEFT TIRE WAS GOING FLAT, BUT THE SETTLING CONTINUED. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE ACFT WENT OFF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RWY & DAMAGED 2 RWY LIGHTS BEFORE SKIDDING TO A STOP. AN EXAM REVEALED THE LEFT MAIN GEAR STRUT HOUSING/TRUNNION HAD FAILED. A METALLURGICAL EXAM REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF FATIGUE IN THE STRUT BARREL.

Brief of Accident (Continued)

File No. - 1622      B/01/88      LAURENS, SC      Time (Lcl) - 1800 EDT

Occurrence #1      MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)  
1. LANDING GEAR,MAIN GEAR STRUT - FATIGUE

Occurrence #2      LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)  
2. DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT POSSIBLE -  
3. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - UNCONTROLLED -

Occurrence #3      ON GROUND COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation      LANDING

Finding(s)  
4. OBJECT - RUNWAY LIGHT

----Probable Cause----

The National Transportation Safety Board determines that the Probable Cause(s) of this accident  
is/are finding(s) 1

Brief of Accident

File No. - 1883      3/10/88      LOWER LAKE, CA

A/C Reg. No. N1555X

Time (Lcl) - 1730 PST

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Basic Information -  
Type Operators Certificate - NONE (GENERAL AVIATION)

Type of Operation - PERSONAL

Flight Conducted Under - 14 CFR 91

Accident Occurred During - LANDING

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Aircraft Information

Make/Model - PIPER PA-34-200T

Landing Gear - TRICYCLE-RETRACTABLE

Max Gross Wt - 4570

No. of Seats - 6

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Environment/Operations Information

Weather Data

Wx: Briefings - NO RECORD OF BRIEFING

Method - N/A

Completeness - N/A

Basic Weather - VMC

Wind Dir/Speed- 120/005 KTS

Visibility - 50.0 SH

Lowest Sky/Clouds - 25000 FT SCATTERED

Type of Flight Plan - NONE

Lowest Ceiling - NONE

Type of Clearance - NONE

Obstructions to Vision - NONE

Precipitation - NONE

Condition of Light - DAYLIGHT

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Personnel Information

Pilot-In-Command

Certificate(s)/Rating(s)

PRIVATE

SE LAND, ME LAND

Age - 51

Renewal Flight Review

Current - YES

Months Since - 1

Aircraft Type - PA-34

Medical Certificate - VALID MEDICAL-WAIVERS/LIMIT

Flight Time (Hours)

Total - 1642

Make/Model - 982

Instrument - 131

Multi-Eng - 982

Last 24 Hrs - 3

Last 30 Days - 10

Last 90 Days - 20

Instrument Rating(s) - NONE

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Narrative

DRG THE LNDG ROLL, THE LEFT MAIN LNDG GEAR COLLAPSED & THE ACFT VEERED OFF THE RWY, FURTHER DAMAGING THE AIRCRAFT. AN INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR TRUNNION HAD FAILED. IT HAD FAILED DIAGONALLY AFRX 5 INCHES FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE TRUNNION & 2 INCHES BELOW THE ROTATING AXIS. A METALLURGICAL EXAM REVEALED PREEXISTING FATIGUE WHERE THE FRACTURE OCCURRED. THE TRUNNION HAD BEEN IN SVC FOR AFRX 4081 HRS OF OPERATION. FIPER SVC BULLETIN #787A, DATED 8/15/85, ADDRESSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CRACKS DEVELOPING IN THE AREA OF THE FAILURE. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AFTER THE 1ST 1000 HRS IN SVC, TRUNNIONS BE INSPECTED AT INTERVALS NOT TO EXCEED 100 HRS UNTIL REPLACED. THE LAST ANNUAL INSPECTION WAS DATED 3/8/88, BUT THERE WAS NO LOGBOOK ENTRY TO INDIC THE INSPECTIONS HAD BEEN COMPLETED. THE ACFT HAD FLOWN ONLY 4 HRS SINCE THE LAST INSPECTION.

Brief of Accident (Continued)

File No. - 1083      3/10/68      LOWER LAKE CA

A/C Reg. No. N1555X      Time (Lcl) - 1730 PST

Occurrence #1      MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)  
1. LANDING GEAR,MAIN GEAR - FATIGUE  
2. MAINTENANCE, SERVICE BULLETINS - NOT FOLLOWED - OTHER MAINTENANCE FSNL

Occurrence #2      LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)  
3. DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT POSSIBLE -  
4. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - UNCONTROLLED -

Probable Cause-----

The National Transportation Safety Board determines that the Probable Cause(s) of this accident  
is/are finding(s) 1

Factor(s) relating to this accident is/are finding(s) 2

Brief of Incident

File No. - 5072	7/21/88	TAHFA, FL	A/C Reg. No. N47506	Time (Lcl) - 0800 EDT
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Basic Information				
Type Operators Certificate-ON-DEMAND AIR TAXI				
Type of Operation	-BUSINESS	Aircraft Damage		
Flight Conducted Under	-14 CFR 91	HINoR	Fatal	Injuries
Incident Occurred During	-LANDING	Fire	Crew	None
None				
None				
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Aircraft Information				
Make/Model	PIPER PA-34-200T	Eng Make/Model	CONTINENTAL TSIO-360-E	ELT Installed/Activated
Landing Gear	TRICYCLE-RETRACTABLE	Number Engines	2	YES/NO
Max Gross Wt	3400	Engine Type	- RECIP-FUEL INJECTED	Stall Warnings System
No. of Seats	6	Rated Power	- 200 HP	YES
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Environment/Operations Information				
Weather Data	Itinerary			
Wx Briefings	- FSS	Last Departure Point	Airport Proximity	
Method	- TELEPHONE	SAME AS ACC/INC	ON AIRPORT	
Completeness	- FULL	Destination	-----	
Basic Weather	- VMC	SAME AS ACC/INC	-----	
Wind Dir/Speed	160/005 KTS	-----		
Visibility	- 9.0 SH	-----		
Lowest Sky/CLOUDS	- 900 FT SCATTERED	Type of Flight Plan	36	
Lowest Ceiling	- 9000 FT OVERCAST	Type of Clearance	Runway Ident	
Obstructions to Vision	- NONE	Type Apch/Lndg	Runway Lth/Wid	
Precipitation	- RAIN SHOWERS	- TRAFFIC PATTERN	3260/75	
Condition of Light	- DAYLIGHT	FULL STOP	Runway Status	
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Personnel Information				
Pilot-In-Command				
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)				
COMMERCIAL	Age - 29	Medical Certificate	VALID MEDICAL-NO WAIVERS/LIMIT	
SE LAND, ME LAND	Biennial Flight Review	Flight Time (Hours)	-----	
	Current - YES	Total - 926	Last 24 Hrs - 0	-----
	Months Since - 11	Hake/Model - 336	Last 30 Days - 14	-----
	Aircraft Type - FA-34	Instrument - 216	Last 90 Days - 88	-----
		Multi-Eng - 421		-----
Instrument Rating(s) - AIRPLANE				
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Narrative				
SHORTLY AFTER DEPG, THE FLT ELECTED TO RTRN TO THE ARFT FOR PAPERWORK HE HAD FORGOTTEN. HE RFRD THE APCH & TOUCHDOWN WERE NORMAL, BUT DRG THE LNDG ROLL, THE LEFT MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE ACFT VEERED OFF THE RWY & HIT A RWY LGT BEFORE STOPPING. AN EXAM OF THE LEFT GEAR REVEALED THE LEFT MAIN LNDG GEAR TRUNNION HAD FAILED NR THE FILLET WEB DUE TO FATIGUE. THE TRUNNION HAD BEEN IN SVC FOR 1255 HRS OF OFN. PIPER SVC BULLETIN #787A, DATED 8/15/85, RECOMMENDED THAT AFTER 1000 HRS OF SVC, THE TRUNNIONS BE INSPECTED AT INTERVALS NOT TO EXCEED 100 HRS OF OFN UNTIL REPLACED. INSPECTIONS WERE TO BE MADE WITH A 10 POWER MAGNIFYING GLASS AFTER FAINT & DIRT WERE REMOVED. THE TRUNNION HAD BEEN INSPECTED AT 55 FLT HRS BEFORE THE ACFT, BUT RFRDLY, THE OPERATOR FAILED TO PROPERLY REMOVE THE FAINT & DIRT BEFORE THE INSPECTION.				

Brief of Incident (Continued)

File No. - 5072      7/21/88      TAMPA, FL

A/C Reg. No. N47506      Time (UCL) - 0800 EDT

Occurrence #1      MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)

- 1. LANDING GEAR, MAIN GEAR STRUT - FATIGUE
- 2. MAINTENANCE, SERVICE BULLETINS - NOT FOLLOWED - COMPANY MAINTENANCE PSNL

Occurrence #2      LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND  
Phase of Operation      LANDING - ROLL

Finding(s)

- 3. DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT POSSIBLE -
- 4. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - UNCONTROLLED -

Occurrence #3      ON GROUND COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation      LANDING

Finding(s)

- 5. OBJECT - RUNWAY LIGHT

---Probable Cause---

The National Transportation Safety Board determines that the Probable Cause(s) of this incident  
is/are finding(s) 1

Factor(s) relating to this incident is/are finding(s) 2