



# Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	Rochester, MN	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CEN25LA114
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	March 9, 2025, 22:15 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N4784J
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Beech A23-19	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On March 9, 2025, about 2215 central daylight time, a Beech A23-19, N4784J, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Rochester, Minnesota. The pilot sustained minor injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

The pilot reported that during the initial climb, about 650 ft above ground level, the engine had a complete loss of power. He stated that the engine did not sputter, and he heard a “click click” sound before the engine lost power. The pilot declared an emergency and attempted to restart the engine before executing a forced landing. During the forced landing, the airplane impacted trees which resulted in substantial damage to both wings, fuselage, and empennage.

The airplane was retained for further examination.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Beech	<b>Registration:</b>	N4784J
<b>Model/Series:</b>	A23-19	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	AIRLAKE AERO INC	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	NA		

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	VMC	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	NightDark
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KRST,1305 ft msl	<b>Observation Time:</b>	20:54 Local
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	1 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	1°C /-2°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	9 knots / , 270°
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility:</b>	10 miles
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.95 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	NONE
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Lakeville, MN (LVN)	<b>Destination:</b>	Rochester, MN (RST)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Minor	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Minor	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	43.922193,-92.500569 (est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Maxon, Cory
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Bill Muller; FAA; Minneapolis, MN
<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class 3</a>
<b>Note:</b>	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.