



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Brookings, SD	Accident Number:	CEN25LA368
Date & Time:	September 6, 2025, 08:59 Local	Registration:	N1310A
Aircraft:	Beech 35-C33	Injuries:	3 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On September 6, 2025, about 0859 central daylight time, a Beech 35-C33 airplane, N1310A, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Brookings, South Dakota. The pilot and two passengers sustained minor injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 personal flight.

The pilot reported a moderate vibration began at about 200-300 ft off the ground just after takeoff. He heard a bang and he noted a decrease in engine power and thrust. All the engine instruments looked good except for the rpm gauge which normally would be at 2,500 rpm but was showing only 2,300 rpm. The pilot lowered the nose of the airplane and began a slow turn back toward the airport. He applied full throttle, but it did not change anything.

At one point the pilot heard the stall horn and leveled the airplane. He realized he would not make the airport and aimed at a grass clearing. During the landing the front right seat passenger was knocked unconscious. After the airplane came to a stop a post impact fire ensued. The pilot and rear seat passenger were able to extricate the unconscious passenger out of the airplane. The pilot dialed 9-1-1 and handed his phone to the rear seat passenger who had lost his phone in the cockpit, to complete the call. The pilot and the other passenger, who had regained consciousness, crawled into some tall wet grass to put further separation between themselves and the fire. The airplane was destroyed by the post-impact fire that consumed most of the fuselage and a portion of both wings. The airplane was recovered for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N1310A
Model/Series:	35-C33	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KBKX,1648 ft msl	Observation Time:	08:56 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	9°C /7°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	6 knots / None, 310°
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 7000 ft AGL	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.12 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Departure Point:	Brookings , SD (BKX)	Destination:	Bozeman, MT (BZN)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	2 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	On-ground
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	44.304528,-96.818917

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Miller, Bradley
Additional Participating Persons:	Daniel Moerke; FAA; Rapid City, SD
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.