

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
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**Cessna C185-A**

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impacting heavily on a wide "step" within the open-cut, about 200 feet below the level of the roadway. The weather at the time of the accident was reported to have been fine and cool with a light breeze from the west.

**Significant Factors:**

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. Pilot became lost/unsure of position.
2. Pilot unwilling to seek assistance due to perceived possible repercussions.
3. Pilot exercised poor judgement.
4. Pilot elected to use unsuitable area for take-off.

**Reccomendations:**

It is recommended that the circumstances of this accident, and the relevant events leading to it, form the basis of an article on operational decision making and the responsibilities of command. It is suggested that the article be published in the Aviation Safety Digest.