

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
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The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. No record of fuel consumption was maintained for the aircraft.
2. Fuel consumption estimates by one pilot were in error.
3. The other pilot accepted information regarding the fuel state of the aircraft without conducting any check.
4. The pilot did not divert when he became concerned about the fuel state.
5. Fuel tank selections were not changed when the engines stopped.