
Uncontained engine failure, Douglas DC-8-55, January 15, 1993

Micro-summary: This Douglas DC-8-55 experienced an uncontained engine failure of its #4 engine after takeoff.


Event Date: 1993-01-15 at 0015 CST


Investigative Body: National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), USA


Investigative Body's Web Site: <http://www.nts.gov/>

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		NTSB ID: FTW93IA067		Aircraft Registration Number: N8041U	
		Occurrence Date: 01/15/1993		Most Critical Injury: None	
		Occurrence Type: Incident		Investigated By: NTSB	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place DFW AIRPORT		State TX	Zip Code 75261	Local Time 0015	Time Zone CST
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip		Distance From Landing Facility: 0		Direction From Airport: 0	
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer MCDONNELL DOUGLAS		Model/Series DC8-55		Type of Aircraft Airplane	
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On January 15, 1993, at 0015 central standard time, a McDonnell Douglas DC8-55, N8041U, sustained a catastrophic engine failure to the number four engine while climbing following takeoff from Dallas Ft Worth (DFW) International Airport, Texas. None of the three man crew sustained injuries, however, the airplane did sustain minor damage. Weather was visual meteorological conditions. The airplane was owned and operated by Zantop International, Ypsilanti, Michigan.</p> <p>Following the loss of power to the number four engine the airplane returned to DFW, where an inspection was performed. The inspection was observed by a Federal Aviation Administration inspector. The inspection revealed that when the engine failed it propelled pieces aft, resulting in the control surfaces sustaining damage. Following the removal of the engine and subsequent teardown it was determined that a turbine wheel had failed.</p>					
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Landing Facility/Approach Information					
Airport Name	Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used 0	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:					
Runway Surface Condition:					
Type Instrument Approach: NONE					
VFR Approach/Landing: None					
Aircraft Information					
Aircraft Manufacturer MCDONNELL DOUGLAS		Model/Series DC8-55		Serial Number 45675	
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Transport					
Landing Gear Type: Retractable - Tricycle					
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats: 7	Certified Max Gross Wt.	309800 LBS	Number of Engines: 4	
Engine Type: Turbo Jet	Engine Manufacturer: P&W	Model/Series: JT3D-3B	Rated Power: 18000 LBS		
- Aircraft Inspection Information					
Type of Last Inspection Continuous Airworthiness	Date of Last Inspection 11/1992	Time Since Last Inspection 116 Hours	Airframe Total Time 52455 Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information					
ELT Installed? No	ELT Operated? No	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site? No			
Owner/Operator Information					
Registered Aircraft Owner ZANTOP INTERNATIONAL		Street Address 840 WILLOW RUN			
		City YPSILANTI	State MI	Zip Code 48198	
Operator of Aircraft Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner		Street Address Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner			
		City YPSILANTI	State MI	Zip Code 48198	
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code: ZIAA		
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held:					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): Cargo					
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 121: Air Carrier					
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Non-scheduled; Domestic; Cargo					
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 <p>National Transportation Safety Board FACTUAL REPORT AVIATION</p>	NTSB ID: FTW931A067
	Occurrence Date: 01/15/1993
	Occurrence Type: Incident

First Pilot Information

Name On File	City On File	State On File	Date of Birth On File	Age 45
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Sex: M	Seat Occupied: Left	Principal Profession: Civilian Pilot	Certificate Number: On File
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Certificate(s): Airline Transport; Commercial

Airplane Rating(s): Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land

Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA: None

Instrument Rating(s): None

Instructor Rating(s): None

Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? Yes	Current Biennial Flight Review?
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Medical Cert.: Class 1	Medical Cert. Status: Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Date of Last Medical Exam: 11/1992
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- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	16750	190	2544	14206	7103	1200	223			
Pilot In Command(PIC)	12815	190	2420	11125	543	1200	223			
Instructor	2200		2200		100					
Last 90 Days	49	49		35						
Last 30 Days	35	35								
Last 24 Hours	3	3		3						

Seatbelt Used? Yes	Shoulder Harness Used? Yes	Toxicology Performed? No	Second Pilot? Yes
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Flight Plan/Itinerary

Type of Flight Plan Filed: IFR

Departure Point Same as Accident/Incident Location	State	Airport Identifier	Departure Time 0015	Time Zone CST
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Destination YPSILANTI	State MI	Airport Identifier YIP	
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Type of Clearance: IFR

Type of Airspace: Class B

Weather Information

Source of Briefing:
National Weather Service

Method of Briefing:

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Weather Information					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
	0000		0 Ft. MSL	0 NM	0 Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Unknown			0 Ft. AGL	Condition of Light: Night/Dark	
Lowest Ceiling: Overcast		5000 Ft. AGL		Visibility: 15 SM	Altimeter: 30.00 "Hg
Temperature: 8 °C	Dew Point: -1 °C	Wind Direction: 120		Density Altitude: Ft.	
Wind Speed: 4	Gusts:	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions			
Visibility (RVR): 0 Ft.	Visibility (RVV) 0 SM	Intensity of Precipitation: Unknown			
Restrictions to Visibility: None					
Type of Precipitation: None					

Accident Information		
Aircraft Damage: Minor	Aircraft Fire: None	Aircraft Explosion: None

Classification: U.S. Registered/U.S. Soil					
- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot				1	1
Second Pilot				1	1
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants					
Other Crew				1	1
Passengers					
- TOTAL ABOARD -				3	3
Other Ground	0	0	0		0
- GRAND TOTAL -	0	0	0	3	3

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

MATTHEW ELLIS

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:

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