
Child falls from plane, Boeing 737-2H4, January 27, 1995

Micro-summary: While deplaning this Boeing 737-2H4, a boy fell to the tarmac from the airplane, seriously injuring himself.


Event Date: 1995-01-27 at 1615 CST


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


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

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		NTSB ID: FTW95LA103		Aircraft Registration Number: N71SW	
		Occurrence Date: 01/27/1995		Most Critical Injury: Serious	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By: NTSB	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place DALLAS		State TX	Zip Code 75235	Local Time 1615	Time Zone CST
Airport Proximity: On Airport		Distance From Landing Facility:		Direction From Airport:	
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer BOEING		Model/Series 737-2H4		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 27, 1995, at 1615 central standard time, a Boeing B737-2H4, N71SW, was deplaning passengers at Love Field (DAL), Dallas, Texas when one child passenger was seriously injured. No injuries were suffered by the other 120 passengers or the 5 crew members. The aircraft was at the jetway, engines shut down, door open, and passengers deplaning from a 14 CFR Part 121 flight.</p> <p>According to witness statements and the Pilot/Operators report the following events led up to the accident. The mother of the boy and her two children were in the deplaning process. The three family members were seated forward in the passenger compartment so that the flight attendants could provide more assistance. The mother got out of her seat with a two and a half year old child, a carry-on bag, a diaper bag, and her purse all in her arms. The two flight attendants moved towards her to help her with her load.</p> <p>The mother had also asked them about the location of a baby carriage for her younger child. The first officer was standing in the vicinity of the cockpit door. He was attempting to help the mother by pointing out the deplaning door to the baby carriage in the jetway. The provisioner who was servicing the airplane was in the catering hi-lift truck, but his back was turned towards the airplanes' servicing door. During this process, the four year old male child ran out the galley door and fell to the ramp through a nine inch gap between the aircraft and the catering service truck.</p>					
FACTUAL REPORT - AVIATION					

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Landing Facility/Approach Information					
Airport Name	Airport ID:	Airport Elevation	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
DALLAS LOVE FIELD	DAL	Ft. MSL	0		
Runway Surface Type:					
Runway Surface Condition:					
Type Instrument Approach: NONE					
VFR Approach/Landing: None					
Aircraft Information					
Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series		Serial Number	
BOEING		737-2H4		22358	
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Transport					
Landing Gear Type: Retractable - Tricycle					
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats: 124	Certified Max Gross Wt.	100800 LBS	Number of Engines: 2	
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:	Rated Power:		
Turbo Fan	P&W	JT8D-9(A)	14500 LBS		
- Aircraft Inspection Information					
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection	Airframe Total Time		
Continuous Airworthiness		Hours	Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information					
ELT Installed?	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?			
Owner/Operator Information					
Registered Aircraft Owner		Street Address			
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.		P. O. BOX 37611			
		City	State	Zip Code	
		DALLAS	TX	75235	
Operator of Aircraft		Street Address			
Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner		Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner			
		City	State	Zip Code	
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code: SWAA		
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held:					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): Flag Carrier/Domestic					
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 121: Air Carrier					
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Scheduled; Domestic; Passenger/Cargo					

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First Pilot Information

Name On File	City On File	State On File	Date of Birth	Age
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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

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

Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA: None

Instrument Rating(s): Airplane

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--no waivers/lim.	Date of Last Medical Exam: 08/1994
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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	9350	5800								
Pilot In Command(PIC)	4000	700								
Instructor										
Last 90 Days	170	170								
Last 30 Days	25	25								
Last 24 Hours	8	8								

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

Type of Flight Plan Filed: Unknown

Departure Point	State	Airport Identifier	Departure Time 0000	Time Zone
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Destination	State	Airport Identifier	
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Local Flight


Type of Clearance:

Type of Airspace:

Weather Information

Source of Briefing: Company

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
DFW	1600	CST	603 Ft. MSL	17 NM	280 Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Clear			0 Ft. AGL	Condition of Light: Day	
Lowest Ceiling: None		0 Ft. AGL		Visibility: 15 SM	Altimeter: 29.00 "Hg
Temperature: 22 °C	Dew Point: 0 °C	Wind Direction: 220		Density Altitude: Ft.	
Wind Speed: 18	Gusts: 25	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: None	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				3	3
Other Crew					
Passengers		1		119	120
- TOTAL ABOARD -		1		124	125
Other Ground	0	0	0		0
- GRAND TOTAL -	0	1	0	124	125

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

JAMES F. STRUHSAKER,

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:

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