CASTANALYSIS LEARJET35AACCIDENTINSAOPAULO

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ABOUT THIS RESEARCH

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"Apply CAST to the analysis of an accident in order to understand how it works and generate better recommendations for the brazilian aviation system."

Select 'relatively common' accident reported in CENIPA database to generate 'generalist recommendations' (for the whole system) selected by type of occurrence and type of contributing factors also by amount of information available

Our Case: The 2007 PT-OVC Learjet 35A crash in Sao Paulo



DISCLAIMER

This contributions refers to public available information from the National Transportation Safety Board about the civil aviation accident involving a Learjet 35A made by Bombardier Inc. and operated by Reali Air Taxi Ltd. under the identification PT-OVC, that took place in 2007 near the Campo de Marte Aerodrome in Sao Paulo.

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PT-OVC



- 1. The flight prior to the accident was performed with the Pilot in charge of the piloting without any reported damage or abnormality;
- 2. During the preparation of the cockpit for the flight, which is performed by the Copilot without the presence of its instructor, a sound similar to the operation of the standby pump and the cross flow valve is emitted for an approximate period of 3 minutes (CVR);
- **3.** At refueling, under Pilot's supervision, 880 lb of fuel is placed through the left wing tip tank supply nozzle and then 880 lb through the right wing tip tank supply nozzle;





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- 4. The pilot enters the aircraft and commands the Copilot to initiate the taxiing;
- 5. The Copilot initiates the taxiing, while the Pilot (instructor), through the cell phone, talks to the Pilot of the helicopter that is in the destination airport;
- **6.** Pilot commands the aircraft during takeoff;
- 7. The Copilot reports the lateral slippage of the aircraft during takeoff;
- 8. After the rotation, the aircraft assumes an excessive pitch up attitude;



- **9.** The Pilot reports an imbalance in the fuel and requests the Copilot to correct it;
- **10.** The aircraft rises to a height of 1500 feet, leveling the wings momentarily;
- **11.** The aircraft prints a slight curve to the right, gradually increasing the slope to approximately 90deg;
- **12.** At about 1400 feet in height the crew loses flight control capability and the aircraft begins an almost vertical descent;



- **13.** A sound similar to the aircraft shaker is issued (CVR);
- 14. The aircraft impacted against the ground, reaching three houses in the residential area located one nautical mile north-west of Campo de Marte Aerodrome;
- **15.** The two crew members and six persons residing in the houses affected died in the accident;
- **16.** The three houses affected suffered serious structural damage; and the aircraft suffered serious damage from the impact and action of fire.







- i. The aircraft departed from SBMT on a positioning flight to SBRJ;
- ii. The takeoff clearance from runway 30 was issued at 2:08pm, and the crew was advised the wind was from 300 degrees at 2 knots;
- iii. At 2:09pm, the tower controller advised the crew that the turn should be to the left, but the crew did not respond nor did they declare an emergency.
- iv. Deaths: 1 kid, 5 adults, 2 elderly
- v. Injured: 2 kids



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NEWS REPORTS







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Pane seria causa do acidente

Problema nas turbinas seria principal causa da queda do jato que matou oito pessoas

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Perícia-SP: Falha humana em acidente com Learjet







CENIPA REPORT

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

disregard for standards and procedures; overconfidence; crew resource management; pilot judgment; aircraft design (possible); work overload; loss of situational awareness; lack of experience; human fatigue (possible).

RECOMMENDATIONS

i. Enhancements on training programs for fuel imbalance, performance limits, flight procedures and human factors;

ii. Enhancements on **airliner CRM**, **training** program management, operations management and human resources management;

- iii. Enhancements on regulator safety **policies on training** programs;
- iv. Evaluate aircraft project for safety.



IT HAPPENED AGAIN?





ACCIDENTS & HAZARDS

System hazards

H1 - aircraft crash against habited houses H2 - aircraft take off under irregular conditions

System safety constraints

- SC1 the aircraft must not crash against habited houses
- SC2 the aircraft must not take off under irregular conditions



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CONTROL STRUCTURE

control feedback

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incorrect

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CONTROL STRUCTURE



control control feedback missing/ incorrect

PHYSICAL PROCESSES

LEARJET 35A

Constraints Violated

- **Crossflow pumps should not operate inadvertently, only under crew** command;
- Aircraft must not take off under inappropriate circumstances;
 Aircraft must not exhibit significant rolling tendency due to fuel imbalance;
 Information on disturbances must be provided to crew.

Physical Controls

- Personal safety equipment;
- Learjet 35A checklist;
- Learjet 35A Flight and Pilot's Manual.



PHYSICAL PROCESSES

LEARJET 35A

Failures, Inadequate Controls and Unsafe Interactions

- Cabin preparation procedure;
- Inadvertent and non-commanded operation of crossflow pumps;
- Inadequate aircraft takeoff and command of pilot and copilot;
- Inadequate information on unsafe aircraft scenarios.

Context

- No report of abnormalities on the prior flight;
- Airworthiness Directive (AD) on the inadvertent operation of fuel pumps (Standby Fuel Pump Annunciators must be installed);
- Moderate rain on runway during takeoff.



PILOT

Safety Responsibilities

- Operate the aircraft in accordance with all rules/guidelines;
- Supervise the Co-pilot's training.

Unsafe Decisions

- Not giving full attention to operation;
- Delegated tasks to Copilot (in training) with no supervision;
- Did not follow procedures for take off;
- Accumulated operating system functions;



PILOT

Process Model Flaws

- Believed the Copilot could carry out tasks by himself;
- Believed the aircraft would endure the attitude imposed;
- Thought was not necessary to follow all procedures.

Context

- Hurry to get to the destination;
- Imminent unfavorable weather conditions;
- Accumulation of organizational functions;
- Was used to fly that way, overconfidence;
- Fuel imbalance.





REALI OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Safety Responsibilities

• Manage the Reali aircraft operations activities, and collaborators involved, in accordance with Reali procedures and standards and Regulatory Agency regulations.

Unsafe Decisions

- Allowed the operation of the aircraft on a different base from headquarters;
- Enabled coordination of aircraft operating activities directly between Pilot and Reali Executive Board;
- No inspection on Pilot's logbooks;
- No overviews of Co-Pilot's training activities.



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REALI OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Process Model Flaws

• Thought his decisions would not affect/generate hazardous operations.

Context

- Distance between the crew and the Reali headquarters;
- Operations sector did not have control the Learjet35A operations;
- The Learjet 35A was not officially part of the company's operational scope.



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SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Higher Level Recommendations & "Good Practice" Recommendations

still more work to do, to understand full scenario and applicability

Efficient tool not only to understand hazard in different level of the system, but understanding the system itself.

Different Priorities for dealing with hazard







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