

Cessna P210N crash in Pino Canyon

DATE January 20, 1999

AIRCRAFT CESSNA P210N, Registration No. N79NL

GENERAL LOCATION Pino Canyon east of Albert Simms Park, Albuquerque, NM

PEOPLE ABOARD Pilot and two passengers

REFERENCES NTSB ID. DEN99FA034, Probable Cause and full narrative; and personal experience and communications with other NM SAR volunteers who participated in recovery of human remains.

HISTORY

This historical information was extracted and summarized from the references.

The aircraft was en route from a golf outing in Arizona to home base in Wichita, Kansas. During flight near Albuquerque, the pilot reported a dual vacuum pump failure while flying IFR at FL220. The pilot attempted to descend to the reported cloud base at 13,000 feet. In doing so he was unable to maintain aircraft control, possibly due to total vacuum system failure and spatial disorientation. The result was an overstressed airframe and consequent loss of the right wing. The plane subsequently crashed into the heavily wooded canyon and all aboard perished.

The NTSB probable cause reflected the above situation.



Photo of a similar type Cessna 210 aircraft