

# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Sacramento, CA	Accident Number:	LAX06CA028
Date & Time:	10/26/2005, 1825 PST	Registration:	N888DV
Aircraft:	Learjet 25D	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Positioning		

### Analysis

The crew landed with the landing gear in the retracted position. While the airplane was on the base leg of the traffic pattern, the pilot heard a helicopter pilot make a transmission over the common radio frequency. As he completed the before landing checklist the pilot searched for the helicopter that he heard over the radio. During the landing flare he realized something was amiss and looked down at the instrument panel. He noticed that the landing gear lights were illuminated red. Just prior to contacting the runway surface he reached for the landing gear handle and manipulated it in the down position. The airplane made a smooth touchdown with the landing gear in the retracted position. The pilot stated that he did not make the proper check for the gear extension due to the timing of the helicopter distraction. The pilot reported no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane or engine, stating that the accident was the result of pilot error.

#### **Probable Cause**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: the pilot's failure to extend the landing gear and to verify they were in the down and locked position prior to touchdown. A related factor was his diverted attention.

### **Findings**

Occurrence #1: WHEELS UP LANDING Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

1. (C) GEAR EXTENSION - NOT PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND

2. (F) DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND

3. (C) GEAR DOWN AND LOCKED - NOT VERIFIED - PILOT IN COMMAND

### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Flight Engineer	Age:	61
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	
Flight Time:	17500 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1100 h aircraft), 40 hours (Last 30 days, all airc		d model), 130 hours (Last 90 days, all

### **Co-Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Airline Transport	Age:
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s): Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):
Flight Time:	20000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 70 hours (Total, this make and model), 70 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 35 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)	

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Learjet	Registration:	N888DV
Model/Series:	25D	Engines:	2 Turbo Jet
Operator:	On file	Engine Manufacturer:	General Electric
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	CJ610-8
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## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Dusk
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Weather Information Source:	Pilot
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	, 180°
Temperature:	24°C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Sacramento, CA (MHR)	Destination: Sacramento, CA	(MCC)

### **Airport Information**

Airport:	Mc Clellan Airfield (MCC)	Runway Surface Type:	Concrete
Runway Used:	16	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	10600 ft / 200 ft		

### Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Latitude, Longitude:	38.667500, -121.400556		

### Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Zoe Keliher	Adopted Date:	02/28/2006
Note:	This accident report documents the fa	actual circumstanc	es of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:		are publicly availab	chival information for the NTSB's investigations. le from the NTSB's Record Management Division after this date are available at

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