

FAA Inspector Statement  
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On June 18, 2018, about 2245 eastern daylight time (EDT), 0245 (UTC), a Cessna 150F, registration number N2003X, lost power while on descent to Perry County Municipal Airport, (KTEL), Tell City, Indiana. The pilot made a forced landing in a factory loading dock area. The aircraft impacted an embankment and flipped nose over on its back. The pilot received minor injuries and the passenger was uninjured. There were no injuries on the ground. The aircraft received substantial damage. The airplane is registered to and piloted by Mr. Gregory A. Solsrud. The flight operated under 14 CFR Part 91. Weather conditions at the time were visual flight rules (VFR). No flight plan was on file. The aircraft departed from Central Wisconsin Airport (KCWA) at 1651:44 daylight savings time (DST), 2151:44 (UTC), enroute to Perry County Municipal Airport (KTEL), Tell City, Indiana.

The pilot stated it was a normal flight from Wausau, WI. While in his descent, the engine started to run rough, then quit. He attempted to restart the engine with no success. I asked if he applied carburetor heat and he answered no. He stated he tried to make it to Huntingburg Airport (KHNB) but did not have enough altitude. He elected to make a forced landing in the loading dock area of a cabinet factory. At the last minute, he saw power lines and a utility pole and had to bank to miss them. He landed, then approximately after 100 feet he impacted an embankment and flipped the aircraft over by its nose. The aircraft came to rest upside down on its back. The aircraft came equipped from the factory with extended range tanks and should have a range of approximately six hours. The flight was airborne for five hours. The weather history for KHNB at 2256 EDT shows a temperature of 79 degrees and dew point of 73.9 degrees with humidity as 84%. According to the Carb Ice Potential Chart, puts this in the Serious Icing (glide power) range. Further investigation showed there was fuel in the lines going to the carburetor when the aircraft was up righted.