

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location Nearest City/Place: <u>San Juan</u> State: <u>PR</u> ZIP: <u>00901</u> Country: <u>Puerto Rico</u> Latitude: <u>18° 27' 24.5</u> Longitude: <u>66° 5' 49.0</u> <i>(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)</i>		Accident/Incident Date/Time Date: <u>02/21/2017</u> Local Time: <u>9:45 to 10:00am</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Time Zone: _____ Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None	
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AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: <u>N413LP</u> Manufacturer: <u>EUROCOPTER</u> Model: <u>AS350B3</u> Serial Number: <u>3228</u> Year of Manufacture: <u>1999</u> Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____		☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified ☐ Commercial Space Flight ☐ Unmanned Aircraft Maximum Gross Weight: <u>4961</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>3920</u> lbs Number of Seats: <u>6</u> Flight Crew Seats: <u>1</u> Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: <u>5</u> Number of Engines: <u>1</u>	
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Category of Aircraft ☐ Airplane ☐ Balloon ☐ Blimp/Dirigible ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☒ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Rocket ☐ Ultralight ☐ Unknown	Type of Airworthiness Certificate <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th>Standard</th> <th>Special</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☒ Normal</td> <td>☐ Restricted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Aerobatic</td> <td>☐ Limited</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Balloon</td> <td>☐ Provisional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Commuter</td> <td>☐ Special Flight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Transport</td> <td>☐ Experimental</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Utility</td> <td>☐ Special Light-Sport</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>☐ Experimental Light-Sport</td> </tr> </table> ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ None ☐ Unknown	Standard	Special	☒ Normal	☐ Restricted	☐ Aerobatic	☐ Limited	☐ Balloon	☐ Provisional	☐ Commuter	☐ Special Flight	☐ Transport	☐ Experimental	☐ Utility	☐ Special Light-Sport		☐ Experimental Light-Sport	Landing Gear <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Retractable ☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel ☐ Amphibian ☒ High Skid ☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid ☐ Float ☐ Ski ☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel ☐ Other Launch/Recovery System ☐ None ☐ Unknown	Engine Type (Select one) ☐ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket ☒ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket ☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket ☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None ☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown ☐ Electric Fuel System Type (Reciprocating) ☐ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected
Standard	Special																		
☒ Normal	☐ Restricted																		
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☐ Commuter	☐ Special Flight																		
☐ Transport	☐ Experimental																		
☐ Utility	☐ Special Light-Sport																		
	☐ Experimental Light-Sport																		

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection Overhaul (hours) (hours)
Eng. 1	TURBOMECA	ARRIEL 2B	22082	04/30/1999	871 SHP		1758.8 N/A
Eng. 2							
Eng. 3							
Eng. 4							

Last Inspection Type ☒ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection ☐ Annual ☐ Unknown Date Last Inspection: <u>06/09/2016</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Airframe Total Time: <u>1786.6</u> hrs hours measured at <i>(Select one)</i> ☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident	Propeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____
Type of Maintenance Program (Select one) ☐ Annual ☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only) ☒ Manufacturer's Inspection Program ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP) ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ Other, specify: _____	ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ELT Manufacturer: <u>ARTEX</u> Model or Part No.: <u>ME-406HM</u> TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz) ☒ C126 (406 MHz) Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☒ No If activated: Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☒ No If not activated: Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage ☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☒ Unknown	
Description of Fire Extinguishing System ☐ None ☒ Specify: <u>PORTABLE</u>	Additional Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ ADS-B ☐ Airframe Parachute ☐ Angle of Attack Indicator ☐ Autopilot ☐ Data Recorder ☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device ☒ Electronic Multifunction Display ☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display ☐ Handheld GPS ☐ Heads Up Display ☐ Onboard Weather ☐ Satellite Tracking Device ☐ Stall Warning System ☐ Video Recording Device ☐ Other, Specify: _____	

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Helicorp, Inc.City: Las Piedras

State: _____

ZIP: 00771Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: Puerto Rico**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

City: _____

Doing Business As: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: _____

Operating Certificates Held

(Check all that apply)

- ☒ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437

- ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial

☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)

- ☐ Armed Forces
☐ Federal
☐ State
☐ Local

☐ Unknown**Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135**

(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International

- ☐ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137

(Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting ☐ Unknown
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☐ Yes ☒ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☒ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION** (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)Airport Name: FERNANDO RIVAS DOMINICHIDistance From Airport Center: N/A smAirport Identifier: TJIG (SIG)Direction From Airport: 270 degrees trueProximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 10 ft. msl**Runway Information**Runway ID: 27 (L/R/C) Length: 5539 ft Width: 100 ft**Runway/Landing Surface** (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Final ☐ Crosswind ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling
☐ Unknown

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☒ Traffic Pattern ☒ Stop and Go
☒ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Unknown

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☒ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification

First Name: CARLOS

City of Residence: SAN JUAN

Middle Initial: R

State: _____

ZIP: 00919

Last Name: BENITEZ-MALDONADO

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 36

Date of Birth: 80 mm/dd/yyyy

Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury

☒ None
 ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor
 ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

☒ Left
 ☐ Front
 ☐ Unknown
☐ Right
 ☐ Rear
☐ Center
 ☐ Single

Restraint Type

Available

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☒ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Used

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☒ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☒ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
 ☒ Flight Instructor
 ☒ Commercial
 ☐ US Military
☐ Private
 ☐ Recreational
 ☒ Airline Transport
 ☐ Foreign
☐ Student
 ☐ Sport
 ☐ Flight Engineer

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None
 ☐ Class 3
☒ Class 1
 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2
 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☒ Without limitations/waivers
 ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers
 ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

02/07/2017
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review
 or Equivalent, Including
 FAR 121/135 Checks: 09/20/2016
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: ASTAR 350B3

Model: EUROCOPTER

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☒ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane Single-Engine
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Instrument Airplane
☒ Instrument Helicopter
☒ Helicopter
☐ Glider
☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	6,250	950	450	350				6,250		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	5,500	880	400	300				5,500		
Time as Instructor	2,250	300	0	0				2,250		
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	280	280	80	30				280		
Last 30 Days	40	40	10	10				60		
Last 24 Hours	3	3	2	3				3		

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: PEDRO

City of Residence: LAS PIEDRAS

Middle Initial: A

State: _____ ZIP: 00771

Last Name: FELICIANO-BENITEZ

Country: PUERTO RICO

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 74 Date of Birth: 42 mm/dd/yyyy

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury ☒ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☒ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type Available ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☒ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer			
Principal Occupation ☐ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate ☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☒ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate Validity ☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☒ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance	Date of Last Medical <u>03/03/2016</u> mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations
MUST WEAR CORRECTIVE LENSES

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:
01/01/2016
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: AIRBUS

Model: AS350-B3

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☒ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	8,467	5,200						7,231		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	8,467	5,200						7,231		
Time as Instructor	0									
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days		31						31		
Last 30 Days		12						12		
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)

Crew Name and Address		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front	☐ None
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center ☐ Rear	☐ Minor
Last Name: _____	Country: _____	☐ Right ☐ Single	☐ Serious
		☐ Unknown	☐ Fatal
			☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer		Restraint Type: Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

Crew Name and Address		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front	☐ None
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center ☐ Rear	☐ Minor
Last Name: _____	Country: _____	☐ Right ☐ Single	☐ Serious
		☐ Unknown	☐ Fatal
			☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer		Restraint Type: Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION						
Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>SIG</u> City: <u>SAN JUAN</u> State: _____ Country: <u>PUERTO RICO</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>8:30AM</u> Time Zone: _____		Destination Airport ID: <u>TJIG LOCAL</u> City: <u>SAN JUAN</u> State: _____ Country: <u>PUERTO RICO</u>		Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown
Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☒ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA						
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply) ☐ Class A ☐ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown ☒ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area ☐ FAR 93					Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>700</u> ft msl	
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE						
Source of Pilot Weather Information <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☐ Automated Report ☒ None ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown ☐ On-Board Weather			Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true			
Basic Conditions ☐ VMC ☐ IMC ☒ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night				
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☐ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☐ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB		
Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>270</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>10-12</u> kts	Wind Gusts ☐ Not Gusting -or- Speed: <u>12</u> kts	Visibility _____ miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft			
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown		Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown		
Icing Forecast Amount ☐ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Icing Actual Amount ☐ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme		
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: <u>WIND GUST</u>						

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☒ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed
 ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☐ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☒ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

ENGINE AND DYNAMIC COMPONENTS**NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT** *(Please type or print in ink)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

I am Captain Carlos Rafael Benitez Maldonado (CFII [REDACTED]). During the morning of Tuesday February 21, 2017 at or about 9:45am to 10:00am, I was with Pilot Pedro Feliciano in his private helicopter, an A-star 350 B3 with registration # N413LP, doing autorotations for practice purposes. I was the PIC during the flight in which everything went normal during all the flight that took about one hour and thirty minutes (1.5), until the last 180 autorotation. We were about to finish and already at about 3 to 5 feet hover from the autorotation practice section when I (Benitez), noticed that the engine RPM rose abruptly, heard the first overspeed warning horn and I (Benitez) immediately pull the collective to put down the engine RPM, according to the aircraft manual. But instead, the engine RPM continued to rise and exceeded the engine rotor RPM parameters by itself. When I was pulling up the collective to maintain the hover, after I finish the 180 autorotation, the helicopter went up by itself, to about 15 to 20 feet. I noticed the vibration on the helicopter and proceeded immediately to put the aircraft on the ground. I had to do a hover auto type of landing from that height. I want to inform that we 8 autorotations in total. The first 7 were as follows: four straight in autorotations and three 180 autorotations. In those 7 autorotations, we did the same thing. This is: Mr. Pedro Feliciano did everything. He entered the autorotation, kept the engine RPM, he had all the control and used his side throttle at all time. He did all power recovery, at about 300 feet we started to get the engine back to flight position. We were starting the procedures at about 700 feet. It is important to mention that in the last autorotation, (the eighth), I started the 180 autorotation as follows: at 700 feet I rolled the throttle off to idle position, set the RPM to green arc and then lower the collective, left pedal for trim and continued on the glide. I keep 65 Knots with a rate of descent of 1500 to 2000 feet per minute. The engine and rotor RPM was on the green arc at all time during the procedure and at about 300 feet, I started to get the engine back to fly position and finished the procedure, pulling up the collective because when you flare the RPM will rise up because I already had engine and finished at about 3 to 5 feet hover with no problem, for that maneuver I used the Co-Pilot throttle, which in that helicopter, N413LP, is not ordinarily installed. Mr. Pedro Feliciano let me know that the last time that the Co-Pilot control was installed, was about a year ago. That was the only thing different on that morning, that I rolled the throttle from my side, while in the first seven, Mr. Feliciano rolled the throttle from his side. When we were already on ground, I saw a mechanic from the company Caribbean Helijets telling me that the engine was on fire, so I immediately proceeded with the engine fire procedure and once finished, got off the helicopter. After that, the rescue personnel from the Isla Grande Airport came in to the area, took care of the fire of the aircraft, trying to stop the flame as quick as possible. If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this incident, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED].

CARLOS RAFAEL BENITEZ MALDONADO

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

AWAITING FOR BOTH ENGINE AND AIRCRAFT'S MANUFACTURERS FINDINGS AND ASSESMENT.

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

60

Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87☐ 100 Low Lead☐ 100/130☐ 115/145☒ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Jet B☐ JP8☐ Automotive☐ Other, specify _____

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

ZIP: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

ZIP: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

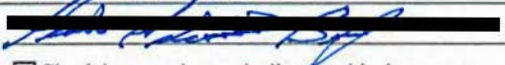
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03/20/2017

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Name of Pilot/Operator: CARLOS R BENITEZ MALDONADOSignature: 

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☒ Check here to electronically sign this document**If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report**Name: PEDRO FELICIANO BENITEZTitle: PRESIDENTSignature: 

-- or --

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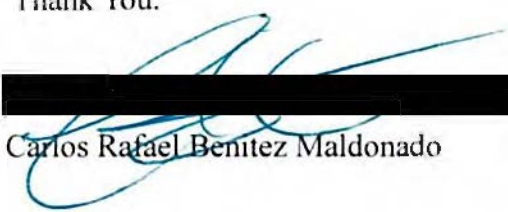
William Melendez
Aviation Safety Inspector
GA Operations (Rotorcraft)

Incident report on Helicopter Astar 350 B3-N413LP

Good Morning Inspector William Melendez:

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Thank You.


[REDACTED]
Carlos Rafael Benitez Maldonado

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I PEDRO A. FELICIANO BENITEZ, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE, BUSINESS EXECUTIVE AND RESIDENT OF LAS PIEDRAS, P.R. HAVE TO DECLARE THAT DURING THE WEEK OF FEB. 13TH TO THE 18TH I HAD A COUPLE OF CONVERSATIONS WITH CAPTAIN CARLOS BENITEZ OF BENITEZ AVIATION FOR MY B1-ANNUAL TRAINING IN MY A-STAR B3 HELICOPTER-

WE AGREED TO DO THE TRAINING AT HIS FACILITIES IN SIG AT 4:00 P.M. ON MONDAY THE 20TH OF FEB.

WE STARTED THE GROUND SCHOOL AROUND 4:30^{P.M.} UNTIL 6:00 P.M. AND DECIDED TO FINISH ON TUESDAY FEB. 21 AT 8:00 A.M.

ON TUESDAY MORNING AFTER PRE-FLIGHTING MY A-STAR IN LAS PIEDRAS I FLEW OVER A JOB SITE IN FAJARDO, AND CAROLINA AND CONTINUED TO SIG LANDING AT THE GRASS AREA EAST OF THE TERMINAL.

CAPTAIN BENITEZ AND I TALKED ABOUT THE PROCEDURES THAT WE WERE TO DO FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

WE WENT TO THE HELICOPTER AND I SHOWED HIM THE WAX PROCEDURE I USE TO PRE-FLIGHT THE HELICOPTER ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER.

ONCE COMPLETED, WE WENT AND AIRBORNE ~~WE~~ FROM RUNWAY 27 TO THE DORADO TRAINING AREA AND DID ALL THE PROCEDURES, AND MANEUVERS REQUIRED IN THE TRAINING.

OUR NEXT STEP WAS TO DO THE AUTO ROTATIONS WHICH WE DID AT SIG. WHEN I FINISHED HE TOLD ME IF HE COULD DO ONE AUTO ROTATION AND I SAID OK.

HE STARTED THE 180° AUTO AND AS THE AIRCRAFT WAS HALF FINISHED THE FLARE I HEARD AN OVER REV. AND THE TONES OF THE NR, THEN A FIRE LIGHT IN THE PANEL.

I UNBUCKLED MY SEAT BELT OPEN THE DOOR, TOOK THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND USED ALL, THEN CAME PEOPLE FROM THE NEARBY HANGARS AND ALSO HELPED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE.

THE HELICOPTER FINISHED IN THE GREEN AREA BETWEEN THE RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY.

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AFTER THAT A WATER TRUCKS CAME AND FLUSHED ALL THE AREA.

PERSONEL FROM CREIBBEAN HELIWAYS PUT THE HELICOPTER IN THEIR HANGAR.

PERSONEL FROM THE AIRPORT CAME AND I GAVE THEM MY NAME, LIC NO, ETC.

CAPTAIN BENITEZ TOOK ME TO BREXLEY WHERE I HAVE A JOB.

THIS IS THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPEN.

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