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## Short Investigation Bulletin

**DATE:** January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**REPORT #** OCC-2022/0003  
**AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION:** N35584  
**INVESTIGATION STATUS:** Completed

### Summary

Occurrence Bulletins are concise reports that detail the facts surrounding an aviation occurrence, as received in the initial notification and any follow-up enquiries. They provide an opportunity to share safety messages in the absence of a full investigation.

Released as required, the Bulletin provides a summary of the less-complex factual investigation reports conducted by the AAIA. The results, based on information supplied by organizations or individuals involved in the occurrence, detail the facts behind the event, as well as any safety actions undertaken. When applicable, the Bulletin also highlights important Safety Messages for the broader aviation community, drawing on earlier AAIA investigations and research.

### General Details

<b>Date and Time of Occurrence:</b>	January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023; 3:30 pm EST (2030 UTC)			
<b>Location</b>	Staniel Cay Airport (MYES), Staniel Cay, Exuma, Bahamas			
<b>Persons on Board</b>	<b>Crew</b>	1	<b>Passengers</b>	1
<b>Injuries:</b>	<b>Crew</b>	0	<b>Passengers</b>	0
<b>Commanders License:</b>	Commercial			
<b>Occurrence category:</b>	Other			
<b>Occurrence type:</b>	Accident			
<b>Investigation status:</b>	Completed			

### Aircraft Details

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-31-350, N35584
<b>Year of Manufacture &amp; Serial #:</b>	S/N 31-8052076
<b>Number and Type of Engine(s)</b>	Twin, Lycoming TIO 540 SER
<b>Type of operation:</b>	Commercial
<b>Information Source:</b>	Pilot
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Propeller and underside of aircraft fuselage

## Occurrence Summary

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On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at approximately 3:30 pm EST (2030 UTC), a Piper PA-31-350 aircraft with United States registration N35584, was involved in an accident while landing at the Staniel Cay Airport (MYES), Staniel Cay, Exuma, Bahamas. The commercial flight departed the Norman's Cay Airport (MYEN), Norman's Cay, Exuma, Bahamas with two (2) persons on board.

It was reported by the pilot, that during approach into MYES, the gear handle was selected to the down position, however, he did not confirm whether or not there was a landing gear safe indication. The pilot then proceeded to land the aircraft without the benefit of its landing gears. This resulted in the aircraft propellers and underside of the fuselage coming into contact with the runway surface causing subsequent damage to the aircraft.

There were no reported injuries in relation to this accident. The weather at the time of the occurrence was Visual Meteorological Conditions, and not a factor. The AAIA conducted a limited scope investigation into this occurrence. No safety recommendations were issued.

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