

Small plane lands safely in Colonie after engine cuts out

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COLONIE -- A single-engine aircraft landed safely at [Albany International Airport](#) early this evening after its only engine failed, officials said.

The Pilatus PC 12 was en route from [Chicago Executive Airport](#) to [Westchester County Airport](#) when it lost all engine power, airport spokesman [Doug Myers](#) said.

The plane, with a flight crew of two and two passengers, was about 12 miles south of the Albany airport when it experienced the engine failure.

The plane glided to a safe landing at 5:20 p.m., Myers said. There were no injuries. The plane was towed from the taxiway.

NO additional Official information is available at this time. May never become available since no apparent damage or injuries. **Note:** Aircraft returned to service 5 days later.

The following information was obtained from non-official sources and is based on opinion.

Aircraft: N656AF, also identified as Pilatus aircraft MSN 656

Appears to alter routing from (ITH) Ithaca, NY direct for (KALB) Albany Intl Airport – 118NM (or ALB towards...?). This is based on flight plan routing calling for a turn toward the southeast after Ithaca instead of maintaining a general easterly path direct towards ALB.

Weather appears to be manageable with a line southeast of aircraft position at (ITH) and KHPN. Do not know ceilings at KALB prior to landing but radar ½ hour before landing shows clear of (radar return) moisture in general area with scattered returns within 40-50NM of KALB.

After passing ALB aircraft turns to the south of KALB at 11000' and then back towards the north in what would appear to be the beginning of a gliding maneuver [post engine shutdown] to loose altitude and stay near Albany, maybe? Looks like approximately 7-8 minutes from this point to landing. Appears that aircraft was in visual conditions based on descent / time. **Good**

Job!

What caused the engine shutdown / failure???

