

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
F-15D 78-0571
AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BOARD
LAMBERT ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MISSOURI
30 May 2007

On 30 May 2007, F-15D, S/N 78-0571, assigned to the 131st Fighter Wing at Lambert St. Louis International Airport, Missouri, crashed approximately eight nautical miles south of Vincennes, Indiana. At 09:36 Central Standard Time, shortly after a nine-thousand-foot offensive basic fighter maneuvers engagement, the mishap pilot (MP) ejected from the mishap aircraft (MA). The MA impacted the ground shortly thereafter and was destroyed upon impact. There was no other damage to government property and the MP, an instructor pilot, suffered only minor injuries. Two local property owners suffered minor property damage caused by the impact.

The Board President found that, by clear and convincing evidence, the MA ARI crossover cable jammed in the stick forward position rendering the MA virtually unrecoverable following a nose-low turning maneuver. The lack of altitude available denied the MP sufficient time to apply corrective actions, substantially contributing to the mishap. This prompted the MP to eject and led directly to the MA crash.

Under 10 U.S.C. 2254(d) any opinion of the accident investigators as to the cause of, or the factors contributing to, the accident set forth in the accident investigation report may not be considered as evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding arising from an aircraft accident, nor may such information be considered an admission of liability of the United States or by any person referred to in those conclusions or statements.