

Brief of Accident

Adopted 05/21/2014

ERA14CA140
File No. 32690
03/01/2014
Mayaguez ,PR
Aircraft Reg No. N929SC
Time (Local): 17:50 UTC

Make/Model: Piper/PA 18-150
Engine Make/Model: Lycoming / O-360-C1G
Aircraft Damage: Substantial
Number of Engines: 1
Operating Certificate(s): None
Type of Flight Operation: Banner Tow
Reg. Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation

| | Fatal | Serious | Minor/None |
|------|-------|---------|------------|
| Crew | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Pass | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Last Depart. Point: Same as Accident/Incident Location
Destination: Local Flight, PR
Airport Proximity: On Airport/Airstrip
Airport Name: Eugenio Maria de Hostos
Runway Identification: 27
Runway Length/Width (Ft): 4998 / 100
Runway Surface: Asphalt
Runway Surface Condition: Dry

Condition of Light: Day
Weather Info Src: Weather Observation Facility
Basic Weather: Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling:
Visibility:
Wind Dir/Speed:
Temperature (°C): Unk/Nr
Precip/Obscuration:

Pilot-in-Command Age: 24
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)
Commercial; Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land

Flight Time (Hours)
Total All Aircraft: Unk/Nr
Last 90 Days: Unk/Nr
Total Make/Model: Unk/Nr
Total Instrument Time: Unk/Nr

Instrument Ratings
Airplane

*** Note: NTSB investigators used data provided by various entities, including, but not limited to, the Federal Aviation Administration and/or the operator and did not travel in support of this investigation to prepare this aircraft accident report. ***

According to a written statement provided by the pilot to a Federal Aviation Administration inspector, he performed a three-point landing in the tailwheel equipped airplane. The airplane "bounced two times," and then it veered to the right. According to a written statement from the passenger, the "approach was normal, [but the] problems started after touchdown." The airplane turned to the right, the pilot initiated a go around; however, the left wing rose up, and the airplane "lost control" to the right. The airplane came to rest in the grass on the right side of the runway, and incurred substantial damage to the firewall and fuselage. A postaccident examination of the airplane revealed no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

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OCCURRENCES

Landing-landing roll - Loss of control on ground
Landing-landing roll - Runway excursion
Landing-landing roll - Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

FINDINGS

Aircraft-Aircraft oper/perf/capability-Performance/control parameters-Directional control-Not attained/maintained - C
Personnel issues-Task performance-Use of equip/info-Aircraft control-Pilot - C

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows:
The pilot's loss of directional control of the airplane during landing, which resulted in a runway excursion.