



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Yakima, Washington Accident Number: WPR20CA168

Date & Time: June 4, 2020, 11:45 Local Registration: N87607

Aircraft: Stinson 108 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot of the tailwheel-equipped airplane reported that, during the landing roll, the airplane veered to the left, and he elected to abort the landing. The pilot applied full power and the airplane momentarily became airborne but shortly thereafter, it settled back onto the runway and ground looped to the left. The airplane exited the runway surface and nosed over. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the left wing. The pilot reported that there were no preaccident mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The pilot's failure to maintain directional control of the airplane during an aborted landing, which resulted in a ground loop, runway excursion, and subsequent nose over.

Findings

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-aborted after touchdown	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)	
Landing-landing roll	Runway excursion	
Landing-landing roll	Nose over/nose down	

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	66,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	4-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 27, 2019
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	April 20, 2020
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 2116 hours (Total, all aircraft), 62 hours (Total, this make and model), 2101 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 70 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 43 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Stinson	Registration:	N87607
Model/Series:	108 Undesignat	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1945	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	108-8
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	December 13, 2019 Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2150 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	4000 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	C126 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-360 A1A
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	180 Horsepower
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KYKM,1066 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	11:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	94°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	3 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.98 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	22°C / 3°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Yakima, WA (YKM)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Yakima, WA (YKM)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	11:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

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Airport Information

Airport:	YAKIMA AIR TERMINAL/MCALLISTER YKM	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1098 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	04	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3835 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	46.568054,-120.544166(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Nixon, Albert
Additional Participating Persons:	Kevin Marsac; Federal Aviation Administration; Spokane, WA
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Investigation Class:	Class 4
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=101390

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