

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Fillmore, Utah Accident Number: WPR20CA305

Date & Time: September 11, 2020, 09:00 Local Registration: N802CT

Aircraft: Diamond DA20 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Hard landing **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

The student pilot reported that, after completing a normal approach, the airplane touched down nose gear first and the airplane bounced. The airplane continued to bounce down the runway and the pilot elected to abort the landing. He applied full engine power and the airplane again became airborne and veered off the left side of the runway. The pilot attempted to maneuver the airplane to the right, however the airplane descended onto the uneven dirt surface on the right side of the runway. The right main landing gear separated from the airplane and the lower fuselage was substantially damaged. The student pilot reported that there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures 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 student pilot's improper landing flare and delayed remedial action to abort the landing, which resulted in a loss of aircraft control, runway excursion and impact with terrain.

Findings

Personnel issues	Decision making/judgment - Student/instructed pilo	ot
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Personnel issues

Aircraft control - Student/instructed pilot

Aircraft

Landing flare - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues

Delayed action - Student/instructed pilot

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing	Hard landing (Defining event)
Landing-aborted after touchdown	Attempted remediation/recovery

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	49,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	June 12, 2020
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 56.2 hours (Total, all aircraft), 50 hours (Total, this make and model), 9.1 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Diamond	Registration:	N802CT
DA20 C1	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
2000	Amateur Built:	
Normal	Serial Number:	C0102
Tricycle	Seats:	2
September 4, 2020 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1764 lbs
	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
6577.4 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
C126 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-240-B
802CT Aircraft Leasing Llc	Rated Power:	125 Horsepower
Platinum Aviation	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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Airport Information

Airport:	Fillmore Muni FOM	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	4984 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	04	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5040 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced landing;Go around;Stop and go;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:	38.958057,-112.36305(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Hicks, Michael
Additional Participating Persons:	Eric McRae; FAA; Salt Lake City , UT
Original Publish Date:	August 31, 2021
Last Revision Date:	
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=101971

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