

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Havasu, Arizona Accident Number: WPR22LA058

Date & Time: December 1, 2021, 12:30 Local Registration: N81CB

Aircraft: Cessna 510 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Landing gear not configured **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot reported that, during an unstable approach, he did not perform a pre-landing checklist and did not configure the landing gear. Subsequently, the airplane touched down with the landing gear retracted and slid to a stop, in which a post-crash fire ensued over the right wing. The lower fuselage and right wing were substantially damaged. The pilot reported 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 extend the landing gear during landing. Contributing to the accident was the pilot's failure to use a pre-landing checklist.

Findings

Personnel issues Forgotten action/omission - Pilot

Aircraft Gear extension and retract sys - Not used/operated

Personnel issues Use of checklist - Pilot

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-flare/touchdown	Landing gear not configured (Defining event)	
Landing-landing roll	Abnormal runway contact	

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	67,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 10, 2020
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	November 19, 2020
Flight Time:	1977 hours (Total, all aircraft), 484 hours (Total, this make and model), 1888 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 38 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N81CB
Model/Series:	510	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	2013	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	510-0439
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	August 26, 2021 Continuous airworthiness	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	8730 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Turbo fan
Airframe Total Time:	835.1 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	P&W CANADA
ELT:	C126 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	PW615F-A
Registered Owner:	BAKER BYRON R	Rated Power:	1460 Lbs thrust
Operator:	BAKER BYRON R	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
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Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.2 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	22°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Brookshire, TX (KTME)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Company VFR
Destination:	Lake Havasu, AZ (KHII)	Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	10:15 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	Lake Havasu City KHII	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	783 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	32	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	8000 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	On-ground
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	34.3401,-114.2132

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Bledsoe, James
Additional Participating Persons:	Drew Holmes; FAA FSDO; Scottsdale , AZ
Original Publish Date:	June 9, 2022
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class 4
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=104353

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