



# Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	El Cajon, CA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR23LA341
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	September 9, 2023, 10:55 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N57679
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Bellanca 7ECA	<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional		

On September 9, 2023, about 1055 Pacific daylight time, a Bellanca 7ECA, N57679, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near El Cajon, California. The pilot and flight instructor were not injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 instructional flight.

The flight instructor reported that while on final approach to the Gillespie Field Airport (SEE), San Diego/El Cajon California, about 700 ft above ground level, the airplane’s engine suddenly lost power. The engine could not be restarted, and therefore, he took control of the airplane. He declared an emergency and chose a flight path to avoid obstacles. During the forced landing, the airplane struck two fences and subsequently came to rest just short of runway 27R.

The airplane was recovered to a secure facility for further examination.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Bellanca	<b>Registration:</b>	N57679
<b>Model/Series:</b>	7ECA	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>			

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>		<b>Condition of Light:</b>	
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KSEE	<b>Observation Time:</b>	11:47 Local
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	0 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	35°C /14°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>		<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	/ ,
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>		<b>Visibility:</b>	
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.96 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	
<b>Departure Point:</b>	El Cajon, CA (SEE)	<b>Destination:</b>	El Cajon, CA

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	2 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	2 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	32.826222,-116.97244 (est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Nixon, Albert
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Roger Messick; Federal Aviation Administration; Sand Diego, CA
<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class 3</a>
<b>Note:</b>	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.