



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Tellico Plains, Tennessee	Accident Number:	ERA24LA017
Date & Time:	October 20, 2023, 16:00 Local	Registration:	N958TW
Aircraft:	Aviat A1	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Nose over/nose down	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot of the tailwheel-equipped airplane was attempting to land on his 1,200-ft-long private airstrip. When he flew by the windsock to check wind direction and speed, he noticed a significant crosswind was prevailing. After turning onto final approach, and after passing the point at which a go-around could be performed due to trees and terrain off the end of the runway, he noticed the wind had changed direction and was now a strong tailwind. He continued the approach and landed more than halfway down the runway, then aggressively applied the brakes to attempt to stop. The airplane subsequently nosed over and sustained substantial damage to the rudder and wings. The pilot reported that there were no preimpact mechanical malfunctions of 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 overapplication of brakes after landing long on a constrained runway and with a tailwind, which resulted in a nose-over.

Findings

Aircraft	Brake - Incorrect use/operation
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Pilot
Environmental issues	Tailwind - Effect on operation

Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-landing roll	Nose over/nose down (Defining event)
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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	65, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	5-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Waiver time limited special	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 24, 2023
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	October 20, 2022
Flight Time:	1153 hours (Total, all aircraft), 134 hours (Total, this make and model), 1153 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 58 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 33 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 0 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Aviat	Registration:	N958TW
Model/Series:	A1 C200	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	2022	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Utility	Serial Number:	3403
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	October 4, 2023 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2200 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	22 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	120 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	C91 installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IO-360-A1D6
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	200
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:	RHP,1696 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	23 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	16:10 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	115°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 5000 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 9500 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	9 knots / 18 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:	270°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	29.68 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	20°C / 8°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Knoxville, TN (KDKX)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Tellico Plains, TN	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	15:15 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	PVT PVT	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	980 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	360	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1200 ft / 80 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	35.361245,-84.294645(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Boggs, Daniel
Additional Participating Persons:	Steve Sinclair; FAA/FSDO; Nashville, TN
Original Publish Date:	January 10, 2024
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class 4
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=193287

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