



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Heber, UT	Accident Number:	WPR24LA127
Date & Time:	April 21, 2024, 15:30 Local	Registration:	N644CC
Aircraft:	SCHLEICHER ALEXANDER GMBH & CO ASH 26 E	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On April 21, 2024, about 1530 mountain daylight time, an experimental Schleicher Alexander Gmbh & Co Ash 26E, N644CC, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Heber, Utah. The pilot was not injured. The motor glider was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 personal flight.

According to the pilot, he planned to practice takeoff and landings. During the second takeoff, the pilot realized that the motor glider was not climbing or maintaining altitude. He reported that he was wearing a headset and could not recall if the engine was running rough and did not recall what the engine rpm was. The pilot elected to perform a 180° left turn to land on the taxiway. Upon completion of the turn, the motor glider was to the right of the taxiway without adequate altitude to correct to the taxiway. The pilot elected to land straight ahead on hilly terrain. During the landing roll, the motor glider struck vegetation and came to rest upright. The pilot stated that he exited the motor glider without assistance and observed that the engine was not running.

Postaccident examination of the motor glider revealed that the wings, empennage, and fuselage sustained substantial damage. The motor glider was relocated to a secure hangar for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	SCHLEICHER ALEXANDER GMBH & CO	Registration:	N644CC
Model/Series:	ASH 26 E	Aircraft Category:	Glider
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KHCR,5637 ft msl	Observation Time:	15:30 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C /-3°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	7 knots / 15 knots, 210°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.11 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Heber, UT	Destination:	Heber, UT

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	40.47504,-111.43871

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Salazar, Fabian
Additional Participating Persons:	Doug Peterson; Federal Aviation Administration; Salt Lake City, UT
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.