



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Hope, Maine Accident Number: IAD05CA134

Date & Time: September 10, 2005, 16:10 Local Registration: N9138W

Aircraft: Lamont Aventura II Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 Serious

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

An amateur built airplane, operated by an uncertificated pilot, completed a turn to the base traffic pattern leg. After encountering a gust of wind, the airplane stalled, entered a spin, and impacted water, resulting in serious injury and substantial damage.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain airspeed, which resulted in an inadvertent stall/spin and subsequent impact with water. A factor to the accident was the wind gusts.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT

Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - BASE TURN

Findings

1. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

2. STALL/SPIN - INADVERTENT

3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings
4. TERRAIN CONDITION - WATER

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Factual Information

On September 10, 2005, about 1610 eastern daylight time, an amateur built Arnet Pereyra Aero Design, Aventura II, N9138W was substantially damaged during approach to Hobbs Pond near Hope, Maine. The non-certificated pilot/owner was seriously injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan was filed for the local personal flight, conducted under 14 CFR Part 91.

According to the pilot, the aircraft was leveling off at an altitude about 300 feet above ground level, after completing a left downwind to base traffic pattern leg. The airplane's airspeed was at 65 knots, and it was configured in the 10-degree landing flap position, when an approximate 15 knot gust of wind, "took the airplane into a stall."

The airplane entered a spin, and during the recovery by the pilot, impacted water resulting in substantial damage.

The recorded weather at BGR, about 23 nautical miles north of the accident site at 1553, included: winds from 350 degrees at 12 knots, gusting to 15 knots.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	None	Age:	36,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
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:	February 1, 2001
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	June 1, 1997
Flight Time:	112 hours (Total, all aircraft), 112 hours (Total, this make and model)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Lamont	Registration:	N9138W
Model/Series:	Aventura II	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	Yes
Airworthiness Certificate:	Experimental (Special)	Serial Number:	AP2A0089
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tailwheel; Amphibian	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 1, 2005 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	15 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	112 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Rotax
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	912
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	100 Horsepower
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:	BGR,192 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	23 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	15:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	360°
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 6000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	12 knots / 15 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	350°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.13 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C / 6°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Belfast, ME (BST)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Hope, ME (NONE)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	16:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	44.221111,-69.18972

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gunther, Todd
Additional Participating Persons:	Richard Eilinger; Portland, ME
Original Publish Date:	January 31, 2006
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=62432

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