





# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Pageland, South Carolina Accident Number: ATL06CA056

Date & Time: March 29, 2006, 14:45 Local Registration: N76688

Aircraft: Cessna 140 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

### **Analysis**

The pilot stated that he was making a full stop landing to runway 05 with a crosswind. The airplane touched down on the runway in a crab and he lost directional control of the airplane. The airplane went off the right side of the runway, collided with a runway light, and nosed over in the grass. The pilot stated that the airplane did not experience any mechanical problems before the accident.

## **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 directional control during a crosswind landing resulting in the airplane veering to the right, colliding with a runway light, and subsequent nose over.

### **Findings**

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING

#### **Findings**

1. WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND

2. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

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Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

3. OBJECT - RUNWAY LIGHT

Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
4. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

Occurrence #4: NOSE OVER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

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#### **Factual Information**

On March 29, 2006, at 1445 eastern standard time, A Cessna 140, N76688, registered to and operated by a private owner as a 14 CFR Part 91 personal flight, experienced an on-ground loss of directional control on landing at Pageland Airport, Pageland, South Carolina. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed. The airplane received substantial damage. The private pilot reported no injuries. The flight originated from Pageland Airport at 1440 on March 29, 2006.

The pilot stated he was making a full stop landing to runway 05 with a crosswind. The airplane touched down in a crab and he lost directional control of the airplane. The airplane went off the right side of the runway, collided with a runway light, and nosed over inverted in the grass. The pilot stated the airplane did not experience any mechanical problems before the accident.

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	72,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
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 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 1, 2005
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	December 1, 2004
Flight Time:	277 hours (Total, all aircraft), 28 hours (Total, this make and model), 221 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

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## **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N76688
Model/Series:	140	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	10861
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	March 1, 2006 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1450 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	31 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2109 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	C-85-12F
Registered Owner:	Jerry W. Wiese	Rated Power:	85 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	679 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	21 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	14:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	320°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered / 6000 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.18 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	19°C / 3°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Pageland, SC (KPYG)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	(KPYG)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:40 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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## **Airport Information**

Airport:	Pageland Airport KPYG	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	575 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	5	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3400 ft / 60 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:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	34.741943,-80.345001

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Smith, Carrol
Additional Participating Persons:	Lewis W Blackwell; Columbia FSD-13; Columbia, SC
Original Publish Date:	July 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=63414

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