



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Galena, Alaska Accident Number: ANC10CA051

Date & Time: June 7, 2010, 16:30 Local Registration: N136SP

Aircraft: Stinson 108-1 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The private pilot was taking off on a personal local flight, under Title 14, CFR Part 91. He reported that during takeoff, the airplane encountered a gust of wind which he was unable to counter with rudder and aileron. He said he pulled the throttle to abort the takeoff, but the airplane ground-looped to the left, the right main landing gear collapsed, and the right wing struck the ground. He said the right wing sustained substantial damage during the accident. He said there were no mechanical problems with the airplane prior to 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 takeoff, resulting in a ground-loop, and collapse of the right main landing gear.

Findings

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Environmental issuesGusts - Contributed to outcome

Factual Information

History of Flight

Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)	
Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Aircraft structural failure	
Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Dragged wing/rotor/float/other	

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	66,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 9, 2008
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	October 6, 2009
Flight Time:	8034 hours (Total, all aircraft), 63 hours (Total, this make and model), 34 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 22 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Stinson	Registration:	N136SP
Model/Series:	108-1	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	108-931
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	February 18, 2010 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2330 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2170 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	FRANKLIN
ELT:	C126 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	6A4150 SERIES
Registered Owner:	Roger Huntington	Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
Operator:	Roger Huntington	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	25 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 15 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	330°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Galena, AK (PAGA)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Galena, AK (PAGA)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	16:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	Galena PAGA	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	153 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	07	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	7249 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

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:	64.736114,-156.937225

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Lewis, Lawrence
Additional Participating Persons:	Mathew Waln; FAA FSDO-01; Fairbanks, AK
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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=76269

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