





# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Rexburg, Idaho Accident Number: WPR13CA200

Date & Time: April 18, 2013, 10:30 Local Registration: N741R

Aircraft: AMERICAN LEGEND AIRCRAFT CO
Ala Aircraft Damage: Substantial

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

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

### **Analysis**

The pilot reported that just before touchdown a gust of wind struck the airplane and lifted the right wing, which resulted in the left wheel contacting the runway. The airplane veered left, and the pilot initiated a go-around. However, the airplane did not gain enough altitude to clear the chain link fence on the left side of the runway. The landing gear struck the fence, and the airplane nosed over, substantially damaging the left wing. The pilot reported no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures with 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 failure to maintain airplane control during landing in gusting wind conditions, and the airplane's subsequent collision with a fence during the go-around attempt.

#### **Findings**

Aircraft (general) - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot
Environmental issues Gusts - Not specified

Environmental issues Fence/fence post - Not specified

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## **Factual Information**

### History of Flight

Landing-flare/touchdown	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)
Landing-aborted after touchdown	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	55,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	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 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	February 22, 2013
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	March 14, 2013
Flight Time:	110 hours (Total, all aircraft), 22 hours (Total, this make and model), 110 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 27 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 22 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

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

Aircraft Make:	AMERICAN LEGEND AIRCRAFT CO	Registration:	N741R
Model/Series:	AL3	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Special light-sport (Special)	Serial Number:	AL-1119
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	September 4, 2012 Condition	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1320 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	107 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	294 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	CONT MOTOR
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	0-200
Registered Owner:	741R LLC	Rated Power:	100 Horsepower
Operator:	Roy S. Webster	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	RXE,4862 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	09:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.35 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	-1°C / -13°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	Rexburg, ID (RXE)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Rexburg, ID (RXE)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	10:10 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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### **Airport Information**

Airport:	Rexburg-Madison County Airport RXE	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	4862 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	17	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	4200 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	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:	43.83361,-111.803054(est)

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#### **Administrative Information**

Jones, Patrick
Kent Gibbons; Federal Aviation Administration; Salt Lake City, UT
August 13, 2013
<u>Class</u>
This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=86670

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