



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	Waco, Texas	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR14CA002
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	October 1, 2013, 17:30 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N1013R
<b>Aircraft:</b>	AIR TRACTOR INC AT 401	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>	Loss of control on ground	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 137: Agricultural		

## Analysis

The pilot reported that during takeoff from a grass strip, he lost control of the airplane when it encountered a gust of wind causing the airplane to roll to the right. The right wing contacted the high vegetation along the airstrip and the airplane subsequently nosed over. Both wings and the rudder were substantially damaged. The pilot reported no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failure 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 directional control during the takeoff in gusting wind conditions.

## Findings

<b>Aircraft</b>	Directional control - Not attained/maintained
<b>Personnel issues</b>	Aircraft control - Pilot
<b>Environmental issues</b>	Gusts - Not specified

## Factual Information

### History of Flight

<b>Takeoff</b>	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)
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### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	49
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Center
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	3-point
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	January 31, 2013
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	Yes	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	October 20, 2012
<b>Flight Time:</b>	8400 hours (Total, all aircraft), 8000 hours (Total, this make and model), 8300 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 300 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 100 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 6 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	AIR TRACTOR INC	<b>Registration:</b>	N1013R
<b>Model/Series:</b>	AT 401 UNDESIGNAT	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1989	<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Restricted (Special)	<b>Serial Number:</b>	401-0723
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tailwheel	<b>Seats:</b>	1
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	July 10, 2013 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	68 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	6575 Hrs at time of accident	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	P&W
<b>ELT:</b>	Not installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	1340 AN1
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	CORPORA AERIAL SERVICE INC	<b>Rated Power:</b>	600 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	CORPORA AERIAL SERVICE INC	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	Agricultural aircraft (137)

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Few	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	15 knots / 25 knots	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/ None
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	240°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>		<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	32°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Waco, TX	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>	Waco, TX	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>		<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	PRIVATE None	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Grass/turf
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	10 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	None	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	2000 ft / 20 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	31.549722,-97.129165(est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Eckrote, Debra
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Lewis C Gonzales; FAA-FSDO; Dallas, TX
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<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class</a>
<b>Note:</b>	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=88171">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=88171</a>

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