

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Boerne, Texas Accident Number: CEN14CA271

Date & Time: May 30, 2014, 07:30 Local Registration: N348BL

Aircraft: BRM AERO SRO BRISTELL S-LSA Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Loss of control in flight **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

The purpose of the flight was for the student pilot to practice takeoffs and landings. The student was performing a soft field takeoff when the accident occurred. The student applied aft control pressure and added power for takeoff. Once airborne, the airplane drifted to the right. The student corrected and the airplane drifted to the left. The instructor then took control of the airplane. He lowered the nose to gain airspeed and the left gear contacted the runway and collapsed. The instructor stated he then overcorrected to the right and the right wing contacted the ground. The airplane settled to the ground off the right side of the runway and spun to the left prior to coming to rest. The airplane received substantial damage to the aft fuselage.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The instructor pilot's failure to regain control of the airplane following the student pilot's initial loss of control of the airplane.

Findings

Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Instructor/check pilot	
Aircraft	Directional control - Not attained/maintained	

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Takeoff	Loss of control in flight (Defining event)	
Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)	
Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Runway excursion	

Flight instructor Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Flight engineer	Age:	43
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane; Sport pilot	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Sport pilot	Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	May 4, 2013
Flight Time:	11000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 58 hours (Total, this make and model), 8500 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 38 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Student pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	56
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	May 23, 2013
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	53 hours (Total, all aircraft), 43 hours (Total, this make and model), 14 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 48 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 19 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BRM AERO SRO	Registration:	N348BL
Model/Series:	BRISTELL S-LSA NO SERIES	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	2013	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Special light-sport (Special)	Serial Number:	032/2013
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1320 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	300 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	Rotax
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	912
Registered Owner:	PRUITT INDUSTRIES LLC	Rated Power:	98 Horsepower
Operator:	Benjamin Armen	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	5C1,1385 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	08:10 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.92 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	20°C / 17°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Boerne, TX (5C1)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Boerne, TX (5C1)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	Class E

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Airport Information

Airport:	Boerne Stage 5C1	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1385 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	17	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	4340 ft / 60 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	29.722778,-98.694442(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Sullivan, Pamela
Additional Participating Persons:	Frank Fortmann; FAA; San Antonio, TX
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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=89334

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