



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Saratoga, Wyoming Accident Number: GAA15CA168

Date & Time: July 1, 2015, 07:30 Local Registration: N60691

Aircraft: Cessna A188B Aircraft Damage: Substantial

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

Flight Conducted Under: Part 137: Agricultural

Analysis

The pilot reported that during the landing roll, the airplane veered right and the pilot attempted to correct back to the centerline using the flight controls. The airplane exited the right side of the runway, ground looped and sustained substantial damage to the left wing and left aileron.

The pilot reported no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine 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 loss of directional control during the landing roll, which resulted in a runway excursion, and a ground loop.

Findings

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-landing roll	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)	
Landing-landing roll	Runway excursion	
Landing-landing roll	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)	

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	29
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Single
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	4-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	October 23, 2014
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	November 14, 2013
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 438 hours (Total, all aircraft), 108 hours (Total, this make and model), 349 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 97 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 64 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N60691
Model/Series:	A188B B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1976	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted (Special)	Serial Number:	18802806T
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 5, 2015 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	4200 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3310 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-D
Registered Owner:	Circle S Aviation	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	Circle S Aviation	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Agricultural aircraft (137)

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KSAA,7016 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	13:15 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	251°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	4 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:	140°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	16°C / 10°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Saratoga, WY (SAA)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Saratoga, WY (SAA)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	06:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

Airport:	SHIVELY FIELD SAA	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	7015 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	05	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	8801 ft / 100 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:	41.445835,-106.820831(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Bigelow, Bradley	
Additional Participating Persons:	Mike Davey; Federal Aviation Administration; Denver, CO	
Original Publish Date:	August 12, 2015	
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=91519	

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