



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

| Location:               | McKinney, Texas                      | Accident Number: | GAA16CA024  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Date & Time:            | October 17, 2015, 10:30 Local        | Registration:    | N2099V      |
| Aircraft:               | Cessna 120                           | 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 after the touchdown, right rudder and brake was applied to counter a ground loop. He reported that the ground loop was prevented but the airplane nosed over as a result of the brake input. A postflight inspection revealed substantial damage to the fuselage, the right wing support strut, and the empennage.

The pilot reported there were no pre-impact 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 use of excessive brake input during the recovery from the ground loop, which resulted in a nose over.

| Findings |  |
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Personnel issues Aircraft Aircraft control - Pilot Braking capability - Incorrect use/operation

## **Factual Information**

## History of Flight

| Landing-landing roll | Attempted remediation/recovery             |
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| Landing-landing roll | Loss of control on ground (Defining event) |
| Landing-landing roll | Nose over/nose down                        |

#### **Pilot Information**

| Certificate:              | Private                                | Age:                                     | 34,Male           |
|---------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| Airplane Rating(s):       | Single-engine land                     | Seat Occupied:                           | Left              |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | Glider                                 | Restraint Used:                          | Lap only          |
| Instrument Rating(s):     | None                                   | Second Pilot Present:                    | No                |
| Instructor Rating(s):     | None                                   | Toxicology Performed:                    | No                |
| Medical Certification:    | Class 3 Without<br>waivers/limitations | Last FAA Medical Exam:                   | December 11, 2012 |
| Occupational Pilot:       | No                                     | Last Flight Review or Equivalent:        | July 28, 2015     |
| Flight Time:              | (Estimated) 110 hours (Total, all aire | craft), 22 hours (Total, this make and r | model)            |

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

| Aircraft Make:                   | Cessna                   | Registration:                     | N2099V             |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Model/Series:                    | 120 NO SERIES            | Aircraft Category:                | Airplane           |
| Year of Manufacture:             | 1946                     | Amateur Built:                    |                    |
| Airworthiness Certificate:       | Normal                   | Serial Number:                    | 14324              |
| Landing Gear Type:               | Tailwheel                | Seats:                            | 2                  |
| Date/Type of Last<br>Inspection: | May 1, 2015 Annual       | Certified Max Gross Wt.:          | 1350 lbs           |
| Time Since Last Inspection:      |                          | Engines:                          | 1 Reciprocating    |
| Airframe Total Time:             |                          | Engine Manufacturer:              | Continental        |
| ELT:                             | Installed, not activated | Engine Model/Series:              | C-85-12            |
| Registered Owner:                | On file                  | Rated Power:                      | 85 Horsepower      |
| Operator:                        | On file                  | Operating Certificate(s)<br>Held: | Pilot school (141) |

#### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

| Conditions at Accident Site:     | Visual (VMC)                     | Condition of Light:                     | Day              |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | KTKI,586 ft msl                  | Distance from Accident Site:            | 1 Nautical Miles |
| Observation Time:                | 15:53 Local                      | Direction from Accident Site:           | 352°             |
| Lowest Cloud Condition:          | Clear                            | Visibility                              | 10 miles         |
| Lowest Ceiling:                  | None                             | Visibility (RVR):                       |                  |
| Wind Speed/Gusts:                | 9 knots /                        | Turbulence Type<br>Forecast/Actual:     | / None           |
| Wind Direction:                  | 90°                              | Turbulence Severity<br>Forecast/Actual: | / N/A            |
| Altimeter Setting:               | 30.38 inches Hg                  | Temperature/Dew Point:                  | 19°C / 2°C       |
| Precipitation and Obscuration:   | No Obscuration; No Precipitation |   |                  |
| Departure Point:                 | McKinney, TX (TKI )              | Type of Flight Plan Filed:              | None             |
| Destination:                     | McKinney, TX (TKI )              | Type of Clearance:                      | VFR              |
| Departure Time:                  | 09:00 Local                      | Type of Airspace:                       | Class D          |

## **Airport Information**

| Airport:             | COLLIN COUNTY RGNL AT MC<br>KINNE TKI | Runway Surface Type:             | Concrete                  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Airport Elevation:   | 588 ft msl                            | <b>Runway Surface Condition:</b> | Dry                       |
| Runway Used:         | 18                                    | IFR Approach:                    | None                      |
| Runway Length/Width: | 7002 ft / 150 ft                      | VFR Approach/Landing:            | Full stop;Traffic pattern |

#### Wreckage and Impact Information

| Crew Injuries:         | 1 None | Aircraft Damage:        | Substantial              |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Passenger<br>Injuries: |        | Aircraft Fire:          | None                     |
| Ground Injuries:       | N/A    | Aircraft Explosion:     | None                     |
| Total Injuries:        | 1 None | Latitude,<br>Longitude: | 33.176944,-96.58889(est) |

#### **Administrative Information**

| Investigator In Charge (IIC):        | Hodges, Michael   |
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| Additional Participating<br>Persons: | Earl A Baumgard; FAA North Texas FSDO; Irving, TX   |
| Original Publish Date:               | December 17, 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=92212  |

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