



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location:	Addison, Texas	Accident Number:	GAA16CA171
Date & Time:	March 26, 2016, 07:45 Local	<b>Registration</b> :	N114P
Aircraft:	ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL 114	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Loss of control on ground	Injuries:	3 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional		

### Analysis

The flight instructor reported that during the landing roll, the airplane began an "un-commanded" yaw to the right. The flight instructor further reported that the private pilot receiving instruction stated, "I can't control the yaw." The flight instructor reported that he applied rudder pressure to correct the yaw, but the airplane veered off the runway to the right, the left wing collided with an airport sign, and the nose gear collapsed.

The flight instructor further reported that a jack rabbit was found in the runway excursion path and blood was observed on the left main landing gear door. According to a Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Safety Inspector who traveled to the site of the accident, the jack rabbit was not hit on the runway surface. The jack rabbit was found in the grass adjacent to the runway surface.

The left wing was substantially damaged.

The flight instructor and pilot receiving instruction did not report any 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 private pilot's failure to maintain directional control during the landing roll and the flight instructor's delayed remedial action, which resulted in a runway excursion, collision with an airport sign, and a nose gear collapse.

### Findings

Aircraft	Directional control - Not attained/maintained
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Student/instructed pilot
Personnel issues	Delayed action - Instructor/check pilot

## **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:	Private	Age:	28,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 27, 2015
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	March 2, 2016
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 70 hours (Total, all aircraft), 5 hours (Total, this make and model), 20 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 50 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

### Flight instructor Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	25,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	October 26, 2015
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	November 19, 2015
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 1600 hours (Total, all aircraft), 10 hours (Total, this make and model), 1400 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 90 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 40 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Passenger Information

Certificate:		Age:	Male
Airplane Rating(s):		Seat Occupied:	Rear
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:		Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL	Registration:	N114P
Model/Series:	114 B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1976	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	14015
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3174 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	0-540
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	235 Horsepower
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KADS,644 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	11:47 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	13 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:	140°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ N/A
Altimeter Setting:	29.89 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	12°C / 8°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	Addison, TX (ADS )	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Addison, TX (ADS )	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	07:20 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

### **Airport Information**

Airport:	ADDISON ADS	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	644 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	33	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	7203 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Touch and go;Traffic pattern

### Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	32.968334,-96.836387(est)

#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gerhardt, Adam
Additional Participating Persons:	Michael W Baker; North Texas FSDO (FAA); Irving, TX
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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=92923

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