



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Concord, New Hampshire	Accident Number:	GAA17CA005
Date & Time:	October 3, 2016, 11:00 Local	Registration:	N305MR
Aircraft:	CESSNA ECTOR 305	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Loss of control on ground	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot of a tailwheel-equipped airplane reported that shortly after touchdown, he "lost directional control" to the right, attempted to correct with left rudder and brake inputs, but was unsuccessful. The airplane continued to veer off the runway to the right, ground looped, and the left wing impacted the ground.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the left wing.

The pilot reported no preaccident 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 pilot's failure to maintain directional control during the landing roll, which resulted in a ground loop.

Findings

Aircraft	Directional control - Not attained/maintained
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Pilot

Factual Information

History of Flight

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

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Flight instructor	Age:	64, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	January 8, 2016
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	April 29, 2016
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 4695 hours (Total, all aircraft), 5 hours (Total, this make and model), 4450 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 22 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 8.5 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 0.8 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Passenger Information

Certificate:		Age:	Female
Airplane Rating(s):		Seat Occupied:	Center
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	No
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:	CESSNA ECTOR	Registration:	N305MR
Model/Series:	305 A	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1965	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	2011
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	March 11, 2016 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1756 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	CONT MOTOR
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-470-15
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	213 Horsepower
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KCON,346 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	14:51 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	162°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 600 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 9500 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.01 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	14°C / 12°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	LACONIA, NH (LCI)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Concord, NH (CON)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	10:25 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	CONCORD MUNI CON	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	341 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	35	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	6005 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	43.201667,-71.50389(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Vanover, Jackie
Additional Participating Persons:	Sean Adams; FAA; Portland, ME
Original Publish Date:	February 6, 2017
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=94147

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