



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location:	Ashland, Ohio	Accident Number:	GAA18CA144
Date & Time:	February 18, 2018, 10:30 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N6157D
Aircraft:	Piper PA 22	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Abnormal runway contact	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

#### Analysis

The pilot in the tailwheel-equipped airplane reported that during touch down the airplane bounced. Following the bounce, the airplane settled on all three-landing gear and immediately veered to the left. The pilot attempted to correct with right aileron and right rudder application, then the airplane veered to the right. The airplane exited the right side of the runway and rotated about 180° before it came to rest.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the left wing and aileron.

The pilot reported in the Recommendation section of the National Transportation Board Pilot Aircraft Accident Report, that the accident could have been prevented if he had received more training in the accident airplane make and model (30 hours reported).

The PIC reported that there were no 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 resulting in a ground loop.

Findings	
Aircraft	Directional control - Not attained/maintained
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Pilot
Personnel issues	Total experience - Pilot

## **Factual Information**

### History of Flight

Landing-flare/touchdown	Abnormal runway contact (Defining event)
Landing-flare/touchdown	Loss of control on ground
Landing	Attempted remediation/recovery
Landing-landing roll	Runway excursion

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	61,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
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:	April 8, 2017
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	January 7, 2017
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 2503 hours (Total, all aircraft), 30 hours (Total, this make and model), 2270 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

### Pilot-rated passenger Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	32,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
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 1, 2013
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N6157D
Model/Series:	PA 22 150	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1957	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	22-4804
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 14, 2017 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3075 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	C91 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-320-A2B
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	150 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:	KMFD,1312 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	13 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	14:52 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	247°
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 1700 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	3 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:	180°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.32 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	1°C / -3°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ition	
Departure Point:	Ashland, OH (3G4 )	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Ashland, OH (3G4 )	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	09:40 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

#### **Airport Information**

Airport:	ASHLAND COUNTY 3G4	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1206 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Wet
Runway Used:	19	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3501 ft / 75 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:	40.903057,-82.255554(est)

#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Hicks, Michael
Additional Participating Persons:	Alexander McAninch; FAA; Cleveland, OH
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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=96803

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