

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Anchorage, Alaska Accident Number: GAA19CA114

Date & Time: January 27, 2019, 11:22 Local Registration: N6716B

Aircraft: Piper PA22 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

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

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

The student pilot reported that, on her first solo flight and during a second touch-and-go landing, shortly after touchdown, the airplane "started sliding" right. She added that she overcorrected with "excessive" left rudder. Subsequently, the airplane exited the left side of the runway, impacted a snowbank, and nosed over.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the empennage.

The student reported that there were no preaccident mechanical failures or malfunctions 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 student pilot's overcorrection with rudder during the landing and her subsequent failure to maintain directional control, which resulted in a runway excursion, impact with a snowbank, and a nose-over.

Findings

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Student/instructed pilot

Personnel issues Use of equip/system - Student/instructed pilot

Aircraft Rudder control system - Incorrect use/operation

Environmental issues Snow/ice - Contributed to outcome

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)	
Landing	Attempted remediation/recovery	
Landing	Runway excursion	
Landing	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)	
Landing	Nose over/nose down	

Student pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	30,Female
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 16, 2018
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 23 hours (Total, all aircraft), 23 hours (Total, this make and model), 12 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N6716B
Model/Series:	PA22 150	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1956	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Utility	Serial Number:	22-4049
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	July 20, 2018 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1745 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	O-320A
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:	PAMR,138 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	10:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	279°
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 20000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.37 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	-5°C / -7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Anchorage, AK (MRI)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Anchorage, AK (MRI)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	Class D

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Airport Information

Airport:	MERRILL FIELD MRI	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	137 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	lce;Slush covered;Snow;Wet
Runway Used:	25	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	4000 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Touch and go;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:	61.215831,-149.84027(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Swenson, Eric
Additional Participating Persons:	Dale Hanson; FAA; Anchorage, AK
Original Publish Date:	September 26, 2019
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=98918

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