



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	Valdez, Alaska	<b>Accident Number:</b>	GAA18CA489
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	August 9, 2018, 16:00 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N7ZV
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Maule MX7	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>	Loss of control on ground	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

The pilot of the tailwheel-equipped airplane reported that he conducted a three-point landing on a sand bar and that the airplane bounced, the right main landing gear struck a rock, and the airplane then nosed over. The pilot added that he landed with "too much speed."

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the left-wing lift strut.

The pilot 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 pilot's failure to maintain the proper airspeed during landing, which resulted in a bounced landing and subsequent nose-over.

## Findings

<b>Aircraft</b>	Airspeed - Not attained/maintained
<b>Personnel issues</b>	Aircraft control - Pilot
<b>Environmental issues</b>	Rough terrain - Effect on operation
<b>Environmental issues</b>	Debris/dirt/foreign object - Effect on operation

## Factual Information

### History of Flight

<b>Landing-flare/touchdown</b>	Abnormal runway contact
<b>Landing-landing roll</b>	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)
<b>Landing-landing roll</b>	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)
<b>Landing-landing roll</b>	Nose over/nose down

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	57,Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	3-point
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	February 6, 2018
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	No	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	May 17, 2018
<b>Flight Time:</b>	(Estimated) 1080 hours (Total, all aircraft), 800 hours (Total, this make and model), 912 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 38 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Maule	<b>Registration:</b>	N7ZV
<b>Model/Series:</b>	MX7 180A	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	20018C
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tailwheel	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	August 4, 2017 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2400 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	1377 Hrs at time of accident	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Lycoming
<b>ELT:</b>	C126 installed, activated, aided in locating accident	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-360-C4F
<b>Registered Owner:</b>		<b>Rated Power:</b>	180 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	PAAQ, 230 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	58 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	23:53 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	261°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered / 3700 ft AGL	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Overcast / 6500 ft AGL	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	8 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	None / None
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	130°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	N/A / N/A
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.75 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	16°C / 12°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Willow, AK (02AK)	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>	Valdez, AK	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>		<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	61.760555,-147.080551(est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Nepomuceno, Eleazar
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Marcus Roulet; FAA; Anchorage, AK
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<b>Note:</b>	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=98071">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=98071</a>

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