



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Akron, Colorado Accident Number: GAA19CA165

Date & Time: March 12, 2019, 16:00 Local Registration: N418DE

Aircraft: Cirrus SR20 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, during his first solo flight in the pattern, he aborted the first landing because he was uncomfortable with the airplane's runway alignment. During the subsequent approach, the airplane was crabbed slightly to the right. He recalled that, just before the airplane touched down, he applied left rudder, and that, upon touchdown, the airplane bounced. The airplane exited the left side of the runway and collided with a drainage culvert and nosed over.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the empennage.

The student reported that there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation. He added that the wind at the time of the accident was calm.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The student pilot's failure to maintain directional control during landing, which resulted in a runway excursion and collision with a drainage culvert.

Findings

Aircraft	Directional control - Not attained/maintained	
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Student/instructed pilot	
Environmental issues	Airport structure - Effect on operation	

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Factual Information

History of Flight

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

Student pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	61,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Unknown
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	October 12, 2018
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 65.4 hours (Total, all aircraft), 42.7 hours (Total, this make and model), 1 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cirrus	Registration:	N418DE
Model/Series:	SR20 No Series	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	2018	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	2428
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	5
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	February 8, 2019 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3150 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	456.8 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	C126 installed, activated, aided in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IO-390-C3B6
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	215 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KAKO,4621 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	15:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	156°
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.59 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	18°C / 3°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Denver, CO (APA)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Akron, CO (AKO)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	15:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

Airport:	Colorado Plains Rgnl AKO	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	4715 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	29	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	7001 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;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:	40.175556,-103.221946(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Hicks, Michael
Additional Participating Persons:	Michael Aubry; FAA; Denver, CA
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Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=99103

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