



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	Mansfield, Ohio	<b>Accident Number:</b>	GAA18CA470
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	August 6, 2018, 11:00 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N454WS
<b>Aircraft:</b>	WALTER C SMYTHE TANGO XR	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>	Aerodynamic stall/spin	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

The pilot reported that, during landing, the airplane bounced multiple times, so he added power to go around, but the left wing dropped, and the airplane "veered" left and dropped to the ground. The airplane touched down in the grass to the left of the runway, the nose landing gear collapsed, and the airplane nosed over.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the fuselage and empennage.

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 exceedance of the airplane's critical angle of attack during a go-around, which resulted in an aerodynamic stall.

## Findings

<b>Aircraft</b>	Angle of attack - Capability exceeded
<b>Personnel issues</b>	Aircraft control - Pilot
<b>Aircraft</b>	Landing flare - Not attained/maintained

## Factual Information

### History of Flight

<b>Landing</b>	Abnormal runway contact
<b>Approach-VFR go-around</b>	Aerodynamic stall/spin (Defining event)
<b>Approach-VFR go-around</b>	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)
<b>Landing</b>	Landing gear collapse
<b>Landing</b>	Nose over/nose down

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	60,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>	4-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>	BasicMed	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	September 29, 2017
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	No	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	July 29, 2017
<b>Flight Time:</b>	(Estimated) 217.3 hours (Total, all aircraft), 5.1 hours (Total, this make and model), 183.1 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 5.1 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5.1 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5.1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	WALTER C SMYTHE	<b>Registration:</b>	N454WS
<b>Model/Series:</b>	TANGO XR	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2015	<b>Amateur Built:</b>	Yes
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Experimental (Special)	<b>Serial Number:</b>	029
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	June 1, 2018 Condition	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2200 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	77.7 Hrs at time of accident	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Titan
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IOX370
<b>Registered Owner:</b>		<b>Rated Power:</b>	205 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>	KMFD,1312 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	10 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	14:52 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	67°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	7 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	None / None
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	240°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	N/A / N/A
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30.14 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	30°C / 21°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Brunswick, ME (BXM )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>	Mansfield, OH (GQQ )	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	VFR
<b>Departure Time:</b>	06:30 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	GALION MUNI GQQ	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	1224 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	23	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	3504 ft / 75 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Full stop;Go around;Traffic pattern

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Minor	<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 Minor	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	40.755001,-82.721664(est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Benhoff, Kathryn
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Alexander McAninch; FAA; Cleveland, OH
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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=98002">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=98002</a>

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