



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Ogden, Utah Accident Number: GAA19CA076

Date & Time: November 21, 2018, 20:30 Local Registration: N21621

Aircraft: Cessna 172 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Abnormal runway contact **Injuries:** 3 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

The flight instructor reported that, during a night landing, the student pilot relaxed back pressure, and the nose landing gear struck the runway. The airplane bounced, and the instructor took the flight controls and settled the airplane back onto the runway. They then taxied off the runway and did not see anything wrong with the airplane, so they continued two more takeoffs and landings without further incident.

During the 100-hour inspection the next day, it was observed that the airplane had sustained substantial damage to the fuselage.

The instructor 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 improper landing flare, which resulted in a bounced landing.

Findings

Aircraft	Landing flare - Not attained/maintained	
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Student/instructed pilot	

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing	Abnormal runway contact (Defining event)
Landing	Attempted remediation/recovery
Landing	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

Flight instructor Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	28,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	June 19, 2017
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 314 hours (Total, all aircraft), 267 hours (Total, this make and model), 237 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 83 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 72 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Student pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	21,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 29, 2018
Occupational Pilot:	No Last Flight Review or Equivalent:		
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 12 hours (Total, all aircraft), 12 hours (Total, this make and model), 12 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 12 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N21621
Model/Series:	172 S	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	172S9530
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	September 29, 2018 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2550 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	C91 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-360-L2A
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	180 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Pilot school (141)

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Night
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KOGD,4439 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	03:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	25°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	9 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.07 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	1°C / -6°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Ogden, UT (OGD)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Ogden, UT (OGD)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	20:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

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Airport Information

Airport:	OGDEN-HINCKLEY OGD	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	4472 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	35	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5195 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	41.189445,-112.014999(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Benhoff, Kathryn
Additional Participating Persons:	John Cosenza; FAA; Salt Lake City, UT
Original Publish Date:	September 26, 2019
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=98686

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