



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Oregon, Illinois Accident Number: CEN23LA288

Date & Time: July 3, 2023, 18:40 Local Registration: N5613B

Aircraft: Airborne XT 582 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

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

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot reported that his approach to a grass airstrip was too fast, which resulted in the airplane bouncing after landing. Subsequently, the airplane veered off the runway into a cornfield, and contacted trees. The airplane sustained substantial damage to both wings. The pilot reported there were no mechanical malfunctions or failures 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 directional control after a bounced landing.

Findings

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Factual Information

History of Flight

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

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Sport Pilot	Age:	49,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Sport pilot	Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	July 10, 2022
Flight Time:	83 hours (Total, all aircraft), 66 hours (Total, this make and model), 47 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 12 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Airborne	Registration:	N5613B
Model/Series:	XT 582 NO SERIES	Aircraft Category:	Weight-shift
Year of Manufacture:	2005	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Experimental light sport (Special)	Serial Number:	XT582-0001
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	August 21, 2022 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	992 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	487 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Rotax
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	582
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	65 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:	KFEP,859 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	23 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	18:15 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	310°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	3 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	280°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.92 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	30°C / 20°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Mount Morris, IL (C55)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Mount Morris, IL (C55)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	18:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

Airport:	Private Airstrip NA	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	709 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Vegetation
Runway Used:	NA	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	800 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	42.01,-89.33(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Abraham, Laura
Additional Participating Persons:	Scott Lambrecht; FAA; Chicago, IL
Original Publish Date:	October 17, 2023
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class 4
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=192570

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