



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	Kusatan, Alaska	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ANC23LA047
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	July 4, 2023, 16:00 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N51592
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Maule M-5-210C	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>	Nose over/nose down	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

The pilot reported that during the landing roll out on a remote, gravel/sand bar, the main landing gear wheels encountered an area of uneven sand and the airplane bounced and pitched into the air. She attempted to correct to no avail. Subsequently, when the airplane touched down from the bounce, the wheels dug into the sand, and the airplane nosed over, resulting in substantial damage to the wing struts. The pilot reported that there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or anomalies 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 selection of unsuitable terrain for landing, which resulted in a bounced landing and an encounter with soft terrain, and a nose over.

## Findings

<b>Personnel issues</b>	Decision making/judgment - Pilot
<b>Environmental issues</b>	Rough terrain - Contributed to outcome

## Factual Information

### History of Flight

Landing-landing roll	Nose over/nose down (Defining event)
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### Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Commercial; Flight instructor; Military	Age:	34,Female
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Class 1 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 2, 2022
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	January 4, 2023
Flight Time:	2050 hours (Total, all aircraft), 40 hours (Total, this make and model), 1800 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 40 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Maule	<b>Registration:</b>	N51592
<b>Model/Series:</b>	M-5-210C	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1974	<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	6023C
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tailwheel	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	May 9, 2023 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2300 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	35 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	2640 Hrs as of last inspection	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Continental
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-360 D33A
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	On file	<b>Rated Power:</b>	210 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>	PASX, 113 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	46 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	15:56 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	140°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered / 9500 ft AGL	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>		<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	9 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	None / None
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	260°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	N/A / N/A
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30.26 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	12°C / 7°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Anchorage, AK (EDF)	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	VFR
<b>Destination:</b>	Kusatan, AK	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	VFR; Traffic advisory; VFR flight following
<b>Departure Time:</b>	15:00 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	McArthur River Gravel Bar NONE	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Dirt;Gravel
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	49 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry;Soft
<b>Runway Used:</b>	N/A	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	1500 ft / 50 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Full stop;Traffic pattern

## 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>		<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	61.061,-152.0305

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Ward, Mark
Additional Participating Persons:	James Howery; FAA; Anchorage, AK
Original Publish Date:	October 26, 2023
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<a href="#">Class 4</a>
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.
Investigation Docket:	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=192578">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=192578</a>

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