

# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Terrell, Texas Accident Number: CEN23LA154

Date & Time: April 11, 2023, 16:12 Local Registration: N1221U

Aircraft: Cessna 172M Aircraft Damage: Unknown

**Defining Event:** Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

#### **Analysis**

The flight instructor reported that the student pilot was landing the airplane with a left crosswind. On touchdown, the airplane bounced, pitched up, and drifted toward the right side of the runway. The flight instructor told the student pilot to go around and then attempted to take control of the airplane. The airplane touched down in the grass, nosed over and came to rest inverted. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the forward fuselage, vertical stabilizer and rudder, and right wing strut. At the time of the accident, the airplane was landing on runway 18 with wind 100° at 7 knots.

#### **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 and the flight instructor's delayed remedial response

#### **Findings**

Personnel issues
Aircraft control - Student/instructed pilot

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues
Delayed action - Instructor/check pilot

Personnel issues
Monitoring other person - Instructor/check pilot

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## **Factual Information**

## **History of Flight**

Landing	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)
Landing	Runway excursion
Landing	Nose over/nose down

## **Student pilot Information**

Certificate:	Student	Age:	34
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Unknown	Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	26.9 hours (Total, all aircraft), 17.4 h	nours (Total, this make and model)	

## Flight instructor Information

Certificate:	Flight instructor	Age:	29,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:		Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	719 hours (Total, all aircraft), 523.3	hours (Total, this make and model)	

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#### **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N1221U
Model/Series:	172M	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1976	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	17266918
Landing Gear Type:		Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	
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:	KTRL,474 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0.5 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	15:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	360°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Few / 6500 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	7 knots / 0 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	100°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.21 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	23°C / 0°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Terrell, TX	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Destination:	Terrell, TX	Type of Clearance:	Unknown
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	Class D

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## **Airport Information**

Airport:	Terrell municipal Airport TRL	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	474 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
Runway Used:	18	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5006 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Unknown
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	32.709628,-96.267109

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Bowling, David
Additional Participating Persons:	Arnold Turner; Federal Aviation Administration; Irvine, TX
Original Publish Date:	June 29, 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=107050

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