



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	PAGE, AZ	Accident Number:	LAX97LA229
Date & Time:	07/01/1997, 1600 MST	Registration:	N7764D
Aircraft:	Piper PA-18-150	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On July 1, 1997, at 1600 hours mountain standard time, a Piper PA-18-150, N7764D, ground looped and collapsed one main landing gear while taxiing at the Page, Arizona, airport. The aircraft sustained substantial damage and the commercial pilot and his passenger were not injured. The airplane was operated by the pilot as a personal cross-country flight under 14 CFR Part 91 when the accident occurred. The flight originated at Hurricane, Utah, on the day of the accident at an unknown time. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident and no flight plan was filed.

The pilot reported that he was drifting left toward the runway turnoff following a successful landing on runway 33. The winds were reported from 040 at 8 knots, with occasional gusts to 12 knots. As the aircraft neared the turnoff, it suddenly and sharply ground looped to the right. During the ground loop, the left main landing gear collapsed.

The aircraft was moved to Spanish Fork Flying Service in Flying Fork, Utah, for repairs. The aircraft was inspected at the request of the NTSB by an Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) inspector from the Salt Lake City Flight Standards District Office. According to the FAA inspector, no evidence of fatigue or corrosion were noted visually. The airplane was equipped with oversize tundra tires.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Flight Instructor; Commercial	Age:	58
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane Single-engine; Instrument Airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	01/18/1997
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	4589 hours (Total, all aircraft), 536 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N7764D
Model/Series:	PA-18-150 PA-18-150	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18-5994
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	06/23/1997, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1750 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	5 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2858 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-320
Registered Owner:	JAMES T. JUDD	Rated Power:	150 hp
Operator:	JAMES T. JUDD	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	40 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots / 15 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	10°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	HURRICANE, UT (1L8)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	(PGA)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	1500 PST	Type of Airspace:	Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	PAGE (PGA)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	4310 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	33	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5500 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	DEBORAH L CHILDRESS
Additional Participating Persons:	BRUCE BESSETTE; SCOTTSDALE, AZ
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinq@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .