



## National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Lewistown, MT	<b>Accident Number:</b>	SEA01LA124
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	07/01/2001, 1230 MDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N3251Z
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Piper PA-22	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On July 1, 2001, about 1230 Mountain daylight time, a tail wheel-equipped Piper PA-22, N3251Z, sustained substantial damage during an aborted takeoff from Lewistown Municipal Airport, Lewistown, Montana. The airplane is registered to the pilot and was being operated as a personal/pleasure flight under the provisions of Title 14, CFR Part 91, when the accident occurred. The private pilot, and the one passenger aboard the airplane were not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed for the cross-country flight.

The pilot submitted a written statement to the National Transportation Safety Board dated July 9, and reported that shortly after departure the airplane settled back on to the runway. The pilot attempted to maneuver the airplane back into the air; however, the airplane again began to settle back toward the runway and the pilot aborted the takeoff. He reported that when the aircraft touched down, it veered to the right of runway centerline. The pilot stated that when he applied brakes, the airplane "spun around" and the left main gear collapsed. The airplane came to rest in a wheat field adjacent to the departure runway.

## Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	49, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	08/14/2000
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	06/26/2001
<b>Flight Time:</b>	325 hours (Total, all aircraft), 17 hours (Total, this make and model), 237 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 31 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 17 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Piper	<b>Registration:</b>	N3251Z
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA-22	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	22-7199
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tailwheel	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	04/10/2001, Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2000 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	1981 Hours	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Lycoming
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-320
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	Robert W. Garniss	<b>Rated Power:</b>	150 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	Robert W. Garniss	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	lwt, 4167 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	1154 MDT	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.08 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	23° C / 16° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	LEWISTOWN, MT (LWT)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Lewistown, MT (LWT)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	1230 MDT	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## Airport Information

Airport:	LEWISTOWN MUNI (LWT)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	4167 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	25	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	6100 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

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

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Dennis J Hogenson
Additional Participating Persons:	Leo V Wadkamper; FAA - FSDO; Helena, MT
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 <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .