



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Lewistown, MT	Accident Number:	SEA01LA124
Date & Time:	07/01/2001, 1230 MDT	Registration:	N3251Z
Aircraft:	Piper PA-22	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot 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. 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 the departure runway.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: Pilot's failure to maintain directional control of the aircraft while landing.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. AIRSPEED - NOT ATTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. STALL/MUSH

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING

Findings

3. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: GEAR COLLAPSED
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

4. LANDING GEAR - OVERLOAD

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	49
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	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

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N3251Z
Model/Series:	PA-22	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	Robert W. Garniss	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	lwt, 4167 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	/ ,
Temperature:	23°C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	LEWISTOWN, MT (LWT)	Destination:	Lewistown, MT (LWT)

Airport Information

Airport:	LEWISTOWN MUNI (LWT)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	25	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	6100 ft / 100 ft		

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
Latitude, Longitude:			

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Dennis J Hogenson

Adopted Date: 08/26/2003

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