



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

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<b>Location:</b>	Wauchula, FL	<b>Accident Number:</b>	MIA02LA002
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	10/01/2001, 1520 EDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N851CP
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna 172R	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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## Analysis

The pilot stated that during the touch-and-go landing, as he applied power, and reached for the flap control to take off, the left wing lifted, then dropped, and the aircraft went suddenly to the left, into the grass. He said he reduced power and tried to steer the aircraft toward the taxiway, but it collided with a ditch, incurring substantial damage.

## Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: the pilot's failure to maintain directional control of the aircraft while attempting to take off after executing a touch-and-go landing, in gusty wind conditions, which resulted in a ground swerve, and the aircraft exiting the runway, and incurring substantial damage when it collided with a ditch.

## Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

### Findings

1. WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS
2. WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND
3. (C) AIRCRAFT CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

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Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

### Findings

5. TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

## Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	66
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None
<b>Flight Time:</b>	115 hours (Total, all aircraft), 105 hours (Total, this make and model), 15 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 32 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cessna	<b>Registration:</b>	N851CP
<b>Model/Series:</b>	172R	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Operator:</b>	Eagle Aviation Academy	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Textron Lyc.
<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-360-L2A
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## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual Conditions	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	SRQ, 28 ft msl	<b>Weather Information Source:</b>	Weather Observation Facility
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	8 knots / , 350°
<b>Temperature:</b>	24° C	<b>Visibility</b>	10 Miles
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Sarasota, FL (SRQ)	<b>Destination:</b>	Wauchula, FL (FD06)

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	Wauchula (FD06)	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Runway Used:</b>	36	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	4000 ft / 75 ft		

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	
<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>			

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): John W Lovell

Adopted Date: 11/23/2001

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