



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	Belgrade, MT	Accident Number:	SEA06CA155
Date & Time:	08/02/2006, 1915 MDT	Registration:	N7955V
Aircraft:	Cessna 180H	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation -

Analysis

The student pilot reported that he was practicing landings on runway 30. He reported that shortly after touchdown (three-point landing) the airplane "suddenly drifted left" as he turned from the runway to the taxiway. The pilot reported that while correcting for the situation, the airplane's left wing tip contacted the runway surface. No preaccident mechanical anomalies were reported.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

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

Findings

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

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

Findings

2. TERRAIN CONDITION - RUNWAY

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	47, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3	Last FAA Medical Exam:	08/01/2005
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	82 hours (Total, all aircraft), 49 hours (Total, this make and model), 46 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N7955V
Model/Series:	180H	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18051855
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	O-470R
Registered Owner:	Mack Marketing Inc	Rated Power:	
Operator:	Mack Marketing Inc	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Belgrade, MT (BZN)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Belgrade, MT (BZN)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	BOZEMAN/GALLATIN FIELD (BZN)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	4471 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	30	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	45.777500, -111.153056

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Dennis J Hogenson	Report Date:	11/29/2006
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish Date:			
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
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