



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Santa Barbara, CA	Accident Number:	LAX07CA199
Date & Time:	07/01/2007, 1823 PDT	Registration:	N214GZ
Aircraft:	Cessna 172S	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

After touchdown, the airplane veered off the runway and struck a taxiway light. The pilot stated that after landing a gust of wind struck the airplane, and it veered to the left of the runway. After the airplane departed the runway it crossed an intersecting runway and struck a taxiway light. The nose and left landing gear collapsed, and the empennage sustained substantial damage. The airplane came to rest upright on the grass margin bordering the runway.

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.

Findings

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

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - NOT CORRECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

3. OBJECT - TAXIWAY LIGHT

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	33
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	140 hours (Total, all aircraft), 120 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Cessna	Registration:	N214GZ
Model/Series:	172S	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	Van Nuys Flight Center	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None	Engine Model/Series:	IO-360-L2A
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	SBA, 13 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Lowest Ceiling:	None
Condition of Light:	Day	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	4 knots, 150°
Temperature:	20° C / 14° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	VAN NUYS, CA (VNY)	Destination:	Santa Barbara, CA (SBA)

Airport Information

Airport:	SANTA BARBARA MUNI (SBA)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	25	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	6052 ft / 150 ft		

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Howard Plagens	Adopted Date:	10/31/2007
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
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