



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

<b>Location:</b>	Mayaguez, PR	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ERA14CA140
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	03/01/2014, 1750 UTC	<b>Registration:</b>	N929SC
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PIPER PA 18-150	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor, 1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Banner Tow		

## Analysis

According to a written statement provided by the pilot to a Federal Aviation Administration inspector, he performed a three-point landing in the tailwheel equipped airplane. The airplane "bounced two times," and then it veered to the right. According to a written statement from the passenger, the "approach was normal, [but the] problems started after touchdown." The airplane turned to the right, the pilot initiated a go around; however, the left wing rose up, and the airplane "lost control" to the right. The airplane came to rest in the grass on the right side of the runway, and incurred substantial damage to the firewall and fuselage. A postaccident examination of the airplane revealed no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

## Flight Events

Landing-landing roll - Loss of control on ground  
Landing-landing roll - Runway excursion  
Landing-landing roll - Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

## Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's loss of directional control of the airplane during landing, which resulted in a runway excursion.

## Findings

Aircraft-Aircraft oper/perf/capability-Performance/control parameters-Directional control-Not attained/maintained - C  
Personnel issues-Task performance-Use of equip/info-Aircraft control-Pilot - C

## Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	24
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None
<b>Flight Time:</b>			

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Manufacturer:</b>	PIPER	<b>Registration:</b>	N929SC
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA 18-150	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Operator:</b>	YELLOW MEDIA GROUP INC	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>Air Carrier Operating Certificate:</b>	None	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-360-C1G
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## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	TJMZ, 28 ft msl	<b>Weather Information Source:</b>	Weather Observation Facility
<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual Conditions	<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	
<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	
<b>Temperature:</b>		<b>Visibility:</b>	
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Mayaguez, PR (TJMZ)	<b>Destination:</b>	Mayaguez, PR (TJMZ)

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	Eugenio Maria de Hostos (TJMZ)	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Runway Used:</b>	27	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	4998 ft / 100 ft		

## Wreckage and Impact Information

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

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Heidi Moats	<b>Adopted Date:</b>	05/21/2014
<b>Note:</b>	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=88867">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=88867</a>		

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