



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	St. Augustine, FL	Accident Number:	ERA19LA282
Date & Time:	09/24/2019, 1002 EDT	Registration:	N108LS
Aircraft:	Cessna 337	Injuries:	2 Serious
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Instructional		

On September 24, 2019, about 1002 eastern daylight time, a Cessna 337G, N108LS, registered to and operated by ADS South LLC, impacted the runway shortly after takeoff from Northeast Florida Regional Airport, St. Augustine, Florida. The private and the designated pilot examiner (DPE) sustained serious injuries. The airplane was substantially damaged as was being operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 instructional, local flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time and no flight plan was filed for the flight that was originating at the time of the accident.

The DPE reported to a Federal Aviation Administration inspector that after takeoff, the pilot reported out loud that something was wrong with the engines. Rather than continue the flight, the DPE took the controls from the pilot and maneuvered the airplane for landing on-airport. He also reported briefly looking at the engine gauges and did not observe anything unusual.

A witness reported in writing that during takeoff as the airplane cleared the runway, he noticed the airplane "buffeted and took a left hand turn." As it turned sharply to the left the airplane lost altitude and made contact with the runway and slid into the infield area. Two other witnesses reported seeing the airplane veer sharply to the left after takeoff, then observed it impact the infield.

The airplane was recovered and retained for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N108LS
Model/Series:	337 G	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	SGJ, 10 ft msl	Observation Time:	0956 EDT
Distance from Accident Site:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	8 knots / , 280°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.97 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Unknown
Departure Point:	St. Augustine, FL (SGJ)	Destination:	St. Augustine, FL (SGJ)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	29.959167, -81.339722

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Timothy W Monville
Additional Participating Persons:	Peter J Kandravi; FAA/FSDO; Orlando, FL Kurt Gibson; Continental Motors, Inc.; Mobile, AL
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.