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Peter. Thank you for your assistance with this. Currently my wife and I are up north at our condo as we had a vacation planned well before my mishap. Ah in regards to the CT flight design aircraft. The root cause of the accident had Zero to do with the aircraft it self. It was 100% pilot error on my part. A tri gear on a soft grass runway. Short strip and some in un evenness of the runway. I have hundred landings in that aircraft. I put 1200 hours on that plane myself. The bounce I experience on touch down completely caught me off guard , I did not react quick enough at that point to correct or over corrected too much. (as you know that is a split second to react) I did so poorly!! My beautiful plane is toast.

UGH. Anyway I let the nose wheel hit the grass first after the bounce and the nose wheel hit and dug into the grass and at that point it broke the nose structure and then we flipped over! I don't think there are any nose gear that could over come digging in like that. The pics will show you it broke. The plane or structure was not at fault. Pilot error and or lack of quick enough response at that point is the issue. I will get going on the rest of the paperwork inquiry as soon as possible. Lots of irons in the fire these days and I am sure you that will get done.

Thanks for your support with this and please contact me if more information is needed for your report. Let me know when I can go retrieve the plane. But really no rush. I'm sure it will be a couple weeks at least before I can get up there. It's 3.5-4 hrs from home. Trips and grandkids rule the world these days. Again thank you

Bill Bertram

Sent from my iPhone

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