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Subject: CEN25LA331- Inspector Statement
Contact: William Muller - FAA Aviation Safety Inspector

This is a summary of email communication received from Inspector Muller.

The PIC attempted to land his experimental amateur-built aircraft on the grass between the runway and taxiway, which was not an approved runway. The aircraft touched down, began slowing, and started to pitch forward. The pilot stated he was pulling the yoke back as hard as he could and may have inadvertently touched the brakes. The aircraft inverted forward, accruing damage to the propellor, left wing tip, vertical stabilizer, rudder, and right wing struts. The pilot sustained minor cuts to his head. He also stated he felt rushed and should have performed a go-around. The PIC noted no maintenance discrepancies prior to the accident.

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