

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD • PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT Use this form (Form 6120.1) to report civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION
Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Fort Worth State: TX
 ZIP: 76177 Country: USA
 Latitude: 33.0468843715524 Longitude: -97.29490462269246
 (Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 05/27/2026 Local Time: 08:48
 mm/dd/yyyy HH:MM
 Time Zone: CDT

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N5488H

Manufacturer: Robinson

Model: R66

Serial Number: 1639

Year of Manufacture: 2,026

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/Plans

Make: _____

☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2,700 lbs.

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ lbs.

Number of Seats: 5 Flight Crew Seats: 2

Cabin Crew Seats: 3 Passenger Seats: 3

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft
 (Select one)

- ☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
 (Check all that apply)

- Standard**
☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None
- Special**
☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport
☐ Unknown

Landing Gear
 (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Retractable
☐ Tricycle
☐ Tailwheel
☐ Emergency Float
☐ Float
☐ Amphibian
☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
☐ None
- ☐ High Skid
☒ Skid
☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Hull
☐ Ski
☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☐ Reciprocating
☒ Turbo Shaft
☐ Turbo Prop
☐ Turbo Jet
☐ Turbo Fan
☐ Electric
☐ Liquid Rocket
☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ None
☐ Unknown

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☐ Carburetor ☒ Fuel Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Engine Serial Number	Date of Mfg. (mm/dd/yyyy)	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ Lbs. of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Rolls Royce	250-C300A/1	RRE-201530	11/11/2025	300	330	40	330
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☐ 100-Hour
☐ AAIP
☒ Annual
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Condition
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Inspection: 05/04/2026

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 330.1 hrs

Hours measured at (Select one)

☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select One)

- ☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program
☐ (AAIP) Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☒ None
☐ Specify: _____

Additional Equipment

- ☒ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Autopilot/FMS, Model: _____
☒ Coupled Flight Director
☐ Data Recorder
☐ Device Stall Warning System
☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☒ Electronic Multifunction Display
☒ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Flight Management System

- ☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Night Vision Goggles
☐ Onboard Weather
☒ Primary Flight Display
☒ SAS, Number of Axes: 2 Model: 01311-C
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☐ Stall Warning System
☒ Video Recording Device
☐ Wire Strike Detection
☐ Wire Strike Protection
☐ Other, Specify: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Integra AF

Model or Part No.: Integra AF

TSO No.: ☒ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)

☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT activate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If activated: Did ELT aid in locating aircraft? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not activated: Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage

☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☐ Unknown

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**

Name: Higgins Leasing
 City: The Woodlands State: TX
 ZIP: 77387 Country: USA

Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Operator of Aircraft

☐ The Operator is also the Registered Owner

☐ Same address as Registered Owner

Name: [REDACTED]
 City: Fort Worth State: TX
 ZIP: 76106 Country: USA

Doing Business As: Helicopter Institute Inc.

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): [REDACTED]

Operating Certificates Held
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☒ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☒ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
 Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437
☐ FAR 450
☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial

☐ Public Aircraft *(Select one)*

- ☐ Armed Forces
☐ Federal
☐ State
☐ Local
☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135
(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International
☐ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 *(Select one)*

- ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☒ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry ☐ Unknown

Revenue Sightseeing Flight

☐ Yes ☒ No

Air Medical Flight

☐ Yes ☒ No

AIRPORT INFORMATION *(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)*

Airport Name: Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport

Distance From Airport Center: 3.05 sm.

Airport Identifier: KAFW

Direction From Airport: 25.00 degrees true.

Proximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Airport Elevation: 723.00 ft. MSL

Runway Information

Runway ID: N/A Length: _____ ft. Width: _____ ft.

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface *(Check all that apply)*

Runway/Landing Surface *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Elevated Heliport ☐ Helistop ☒ Off-site landing area

- ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment *(Select one)*

- ☒ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Final ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach *(Check all that apply)*

- ☒ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

VFR Approach *(Check all that apply)*

- ☒ None
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Unknown

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☒ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☒ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification

First Name: [REDACTED]

City of Residence: Bend

Middle Initial: [REDACTED]

State: OR ZIP: 97702

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 38

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury ☐ None ☒ Serious ☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor		Seat Occupied ☒ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single		Restraint Type <table border="0"> <tr> <th>Available</th> <th>Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☒ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>		Available	Used	☐ None	☐ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☒ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
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☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point																				
☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point																				
☒ 5-point	☐ 5-point																				
☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown																				
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Flight Instructor ☒ Commercial ☐ US Military ☒ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport ☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer				Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____																	
Principal Occupation ☒ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown		Medical Certificate ☐ Unknown ☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ BasicMed ☒ Class 2 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)		Medical Certificate Validity ☒ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance		Date of Last Medical <u>02/10/2026</u> mm/dd/yyyy															
Medical Certificate Limitations				Medical Certificate Special Limitations																	

Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire-resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

03/08/2026
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Robinson

Model: R44R/II

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea		Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☒ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift		Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☒ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift		Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☒ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport	
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Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements (Include dates)**

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single-Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time	1,156	21	61	0	78	0	101	1,095	0	0	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	1,062	21	43	0	69	0	96	1,020	0	0	0	0
Time as Instructor	731	13	0	0	36	0	0	731	0	0	0	0
This Make/Model					0	0	0					
Last 90 Days	29	21	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0
Last 30 Days	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0
Last 24 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☒ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☒ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: [REDACTED]

City of Residence: Pensacola

Middle Initial: [REDACTED]

State: FL ZIP: 32502

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 23

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☒ Minor

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☒ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Restraint Type

Available
☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☒ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Used
☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☒ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☒ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial
☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational
☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☒ Class 3 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class 1 ☐ BasicMed
☐ Class 2 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)

Medical Certificate Validity

☒ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

02/28/2026
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations**Medical Certificate Special Limitations****Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)**

☒ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements (Include dates)**

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time	10	3	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Time as Instructor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
This Make/Model					0	0	0					
Last 90 Days	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Last 30 Days	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 24 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information.)						
Additional Crewmember Information			Seat Occupied		Injury	
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____			☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____						
Last Name: _____ Country: _____						
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____						
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all the apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer			Restraint Type Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No			Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	
Additional Crewmember Information			Seat Occupied		Injury	
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____			☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____						
Last Name: _____ Country: _____						
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____						
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Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No			Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)						
Number of Passengers: _____						
Passenger Information		Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints
First Name: _____ City: _____		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____				Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____		
Last name: _____ Country: _____						
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other				Age ☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years: ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____						

First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Flight Information	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: <u>3XS7</u> City: <u>Fort Worth</u> State: <u>TX</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time: <u>08:48</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>CST</u>	Flight Number: <u>SAGE 68</u> Operating as Flight _____	Airport ID: <u>3XS7</u> City: <u>Fort Worth</u> State: <u>TX</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	☒ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Type of ATC Clearance/Service <i>(Check all that apply)</i>					
☐ Certificate of Authorization	☐ Special VFR	☐ Special IFR	☐ VFR Flight Following	☐ Cruise	
☒ VFR	☐ IFR	☐ VFR On Top	☐ Traffic Advisory	☐ Unknown / NA	
				☐ None	
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred <i>(Check all that apply)</i>					
☐ Class A	☐ Class G	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA)		☐ Special	
☐ Class B	☐ Demo Area	☐ Airport Advisory Area		☐ Air Traffic Control Area	
☐ Class C	☐ Warning Area	☐ Jet Training Area		☐ Unknown	
☒ Class D	☐ Prohibited Area	☐ TRSA			
☐ Class E	☐ Restricted Area	☐ FAR 93		Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft. MSL	
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE					
Source of Pilot Weather Information <i>(Check all that apply)</i>			Weather Observation Facility		
☐ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Electronic Flight Bag Application			☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ None ☒ Unknown		
			Facility ID: <u>Fort Worth Alliance Airport</u> Observation Time: <u>08:48 May 27</u> Time Zone: <u>CST</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>3.40</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>22.30</u> degrees true		
☒ On-Board Weather					
Basic Conditions		Lowest Cloud Condition	Light Condition		
☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Height <u>1943</u> ft. AGL	☐ Dawn ☒ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Unknown		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition		Ceiling	Ceiling Height		
☐ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial ☐ Obscuration ☒ Scattered		☐ None (Clear) ☒ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown	<u>24343</u> ft. AGL	Temperature: _____ (°C) or <u>70.0</u> (°F) Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or <u>64.0</u> (°F)	
Altimeter Setting:	Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Wind Gusts	Visibility	
<u>29.82</u> (Hg) or _____ (mb)	☐ Variable or Direction: <u>315.00</u> degrees true	☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable or Speed: <u>9.0</u> kts	☒ Not Gusting or Speed: _____ kts	<u>10.0</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft.	
Type of Precipitation <i>(Check all that apply)</i>				Restriction to Visibility <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers				☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals	
☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle				☒ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust ☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown	
Icing Forecast		Intensity of Precipitation	Icing Actual		Turbulence <i>(Check all that apply)</i>
Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown	Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type ☒ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	Type ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective
Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme					
NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETS, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:					
unknown					

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY

Aircraft Damage

- ☐ None
☐ Minor
☒ Substantial
☐ Destroyed
☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None
☐ In-Flight
☐ On-Ground
☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None
☐ In-Flight
☐ On-Ground
☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet, if necessary.)*

The Helicopter sustained substantial left-side impact and upper fuselage damage, with the most severe destruction concentrated around the left cabin area. The left side of the cabin roof is torn open and crushed, with skin deformation, and buckling. The aircraft is resting canted to the left in the grass, and the surrounding ground shows fresh gouging and rutting consistent with a hard ground contact and short slide or pivot after impact.

The bubble canopy remains largely in place, but it is scraped, scuffed, and locally cracked, and the left-side transparent surfaces show heavy abrasion and fracture marks. Inside the cockpit, at least one display screen is shattered, the instrument panel is shifted/misaligned.

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink.)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

Helicopter lifted from KFTW at 0815L to 3XS7 for training. The aircraft crossed midfield to enter the right traffic pattern at 0833L. While there they performed two traffic patterns leading up to the incident that occurred at 0848L.

During low-hover maneuvering, the helicopter experienced an unintended lateral rolling motion consistent with the onset of a dynamic rollover event. As the aircraft transitioned into the rollover sequence, the pilot initiated corrective control inputs; however, the roll rate and pivot condition exceeded recoverable parameters associated with dynamic rollover characteristics.

The helicopter subsequently rolled onto its side, resulting in substantial damage to the rotor system, fuselage structure, landing gear/skid system, and associated components. The occupants exited the aircraft following the event. Initial observations indicate no post-impact fire occurred.

Preliminary inspection of the accident site and aircraft revealed signatures consistent with a dynamic rollover sequence involving a skid contact pivot point during hover/near-hover operations. At this time, there is no evidence of any pre-impact mechanical malfunction or system failure that would have precluded normal operation of the aircraft prior to the event. A detailed maintenance and systems inspection remains ongoing.

OPERATOR/OWNER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION *(How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)*

Following the SAGE 68 dynamic rollover event, Helicopter Institute initiated an immediate internal review of hovering instruction methodologies, instructor intervention strategies, and low-hover risk mitigation procedures associated with primary and transition helicopter training. As part of this review, the organization is implementing enhanced standardization measures focused on instructor recognition of early rollover precursors, intervention timing, verbal cueing techniques, and defined control transfer protocols during hover operations. Additional emphasis is being placed on dynamic rollover awareness, critical rollover angle recognition, and instructor decision-making during low-altitude training events. These actions are being incorporated into ongoing instructor standardization and safety improvement initiatives as part of Helicopter Institute's continuous commitment to operational safety and risk reduction.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on a separate sheet.)		
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)</i>	Total Time/ Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours	
FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION		
Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff <i>(Convert from pounds, as necessary)</i> 72.0 _____ Gallons	Fuel Type ☐ 100 Low Lead ☒ Jet A ☐ Unleaded AV ☐ Automotive ☒ Jet A-1 ☐ Other, specify _____	
Other Services, if any, prior to departure:		
EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT		
Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location: When the aircraft stopped moving and was stable, the student pilot in the right seat exited first. Due to damage to the roof of the cabin, the student was able to exit via the left side cabin roof. Short after, the pilot in the left seat and only other occupant exited through the same hole in the top of the cabin.		
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft.)		
Aircraft Registration Number _____	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft: ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ None
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	Pilot of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

I understand that the information provided may be subject to public release.

Date of this report:

06/05/2026
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/

Signature:

-or- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a person other than Pilot/Operator is filing this report

Name:

Title:

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