



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Reference: Interview Summary
Pilot: Raymond Franklin
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16LA178 Jasper AL

Narrative:

Mr. Franklin was the pilot/owner of the accident airplane. He was interviewed by telephone, and the following is a summary of the interview.

Mr. Franklin and his friend departed Campbell field about 0855. According to Mr. Franklin, "The winds were out of the north/northwest at 5-10 knots and we were in the air about 25 minutes. I entered the pattern for a landing on Runway 27. There was a right crosswind, and gusting a little. On final, we were right wing low on centerline, the right wheel touched, bounced a little, the left wing touched, and bounced a little, and then the left gear collapsed and the left wingtip touched the ground and the airplane slid to a stop."

When asked about the performance and handling of the airplane, Mr. Franklin said, "The airplane was performing great. I didn't bounce it that hard, and I did have a little bit of side pressure, and then I guess you could call it a ground loop."

When asked again about the performance and handling of the airplane, Mr. Franklin repeated that the airplane performed "great" and that he landed with a side load on the landing gear. He added that he was used to landing on grass, and that landing on asphalt "was a lot less forgiving."