

N7261F Narrative

On November 21, 2022, at approximately 1810 local time, aircraft N7261F, a PA-28 was performing touch-n-goes at Manassas Regional Airport (HEF) when the engine suddenly failed at 950 feet during a left crosswind turn. The crew tried to turn the aircraft 180 degrees, but could not make it. The student pilot sustained minor injuries and the Certified Flight Instructor sustained no injuries. At that time the FAA was notified.

An inspection of the aircraft revealed a prop strike with one prop strait and one prop curled back, left main and nose landing gears were sheared off, the right main gear was collapsed under the right wing, the left wing was badly damaged, the right wing was severely damaged, and the front windscreen had an 8 inch hole through it. The left main and nose landing gears were located approximately 100 feet from the right of the aircraft.