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On 01/10/2024, aircraft N7UT departed Tullahoma Regional Airport for a training flight. Once the aircraft reached cruising altitude the engine started running rough and power was found to be limited even after pushing the throttle to full power.

The pilot then notified ATC to divert to the nearest airport which was Hohenwald Airport. During landing the pilot landed long on a 4000' runway around the displaced threshold line to which brakes were applied all the way to the end of the runway.

The aircraft continued in the grass and came to a stop after running through the airport perimeter fence.

The aircraft received substantial damage on the right outer wing spar, right wing flap area, propeller, and left elevator. Pilot received no injuries.

Visual inspection of the engine at the accident scene was found to be satisfactory and visual inspection of fuel samples of the engine and wing drains found no sign of water or obstructions.

The aircraft was repositioned to its home base once it was dismantled, and a short engine run was performed to which it ran satisfactory.