

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: Bisbee Douglas International Airport (DU) State: AZZIP: 85607 Country: USLatitude: 31.470142° Longitude: -109.593147°

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/TimeDate: 04/08/2025 Local Time: 14:55
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MMTime Zone: AZ -7Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None**AIRCRAFT INFORMATION**Registration Number: N443VAManufacturer: Shield AI Corporation formerly Martin UAVModel: VBATSerial Number: 043Year of Manufacture: 2,022Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/Plans

Make: _____

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 125 lbs.Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 91 lbs.Number of Seats: 0 Flight Crew Seats: 0Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 0Number 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

Special

- ☐
- Restricted
-
- ☐
- Limited
-
- ☐
- Provisional
-
- ☐
- Special Flight
-
- ☒
- Experimental
-
- ☐
- Special Light-Sport
-
- ☐
- Experimental Light-Sport

- ☒
- Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
-
- ☐
- None
- ☐
- Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

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

Engine Type (Select one)

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

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	<u>Suter</u>	<u>TOA 288</u>	<u>0144</u>		<u>23</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>3</u>	
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date of Last Inspection: 03/11/2025
mm/dd/yyyyAirframe Total Time: 28.8 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: _____ Model: _____
-
- ☐
- 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: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ NoWas ELT still connected to antenna? ☐ Yes ☐ NoDid ELT activate? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf activated: Did ELT aid in locating aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf 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: Northrop Grumman

Fractional Ownership Aircraft:

☐ Yes☒ NoCity: Sierra VistaState: AZZIP: 85635Country: US**Operator of Aircraft**☐ The Operator is also the Registered Owner☒ Same address as Registered OwnerName: Justin Springer

Doing Business As: _____

City: Sierra VistaState: AZZIP: 85635Country: US

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): _____

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: Bisbee Douglas International AirportDistance From Airport Center: 0.50 sm.Airport Identifier: DUGDirection From Airport: 90.00 degrees trueProximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 4,125.00 ft. MSL**Runway Information**Runway ID: 17/35 Length: 6,450 ft. Width: 100 ft.**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

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

- ☒ 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 ☐ 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: Justin

City of Residence: Sierra Vista

Middle Initial: _____

State: AZ ZIP: 85650

Last Name: Springer

Country: US

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 43

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: _____

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

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

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

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

 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:

09/11/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: VBAT

Model: 128

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												
Pilot in Command (PIC)												
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days												
Last 30 Days												
Last 24 Hours												

"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: Daniel

City of Residence: Bisbee

Middle Initial: _____

State: AZ ZIP: 85603

Last Name: Hernandez

Country: US

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 39

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: _____

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

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

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

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

 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:

09/11/2024

mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: VBAT

Model: 128

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												
Pilot in Command (PIC)												
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days												
Last 30 Days												
Last 24 Hours												

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information.)

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front	☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
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 that apply)

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

Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints
☐ Yes ☐ No		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

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front	☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
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 that apply)

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

Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints
☐ Yes ☐ No		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

PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)

Number of Passengers _____	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
Passenger Information 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 Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ 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
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>DUG</u> City: <u>Douglas</u> State: <u>AZ</u> Country: <u>US</u>	Time: <u>14:51</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>AZ -7</u>	Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____	Airport ID: <u>DUG</u> City: <u>Douglas</u> State: <u>AZ</u> Country: <u>US</u>	☒ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military 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: <u>5500</u> 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			Facility ID: _____		
☐ Flight Service Station			Observation Time: _____		
☐ TV/Radio			Time Zone: _____		
☒ Automated Report			Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm		
☐ Electronic Flight Bag-Application:			Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true		
☐ Company					
☐ Military					
☒ Internet					
☐ None					
☐ Unknown					
☐ On-Board Weather					
Basic Conditions		Lowest Cloud Condition	Light Condition		
☒ VMC		Height	☐ Dawn		
☐ IMC		_____ ft. AGL	☐ Dusk		
☐ Unknown			☒ Day		
			☐ Night		
			☐ Dark Night		
			☐ Bright Night		
			☐ Unknown		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition		Ceiling	Ceiling Height		
		_____ ft. AGL			
☒ Clear		☐ None (Clear)			Temperature: _____ (°C) or <u>81.6</u> (°F)
☐ Few		☐ Broken			Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or <u>26.6</u> (°F)
☐ Partial		☐ Overcast			
☐ Obscuration		☐ Obscured			
☐ Scattered		☐ Indefinite			
		☐ Unknown			
Altimeter Setting:		Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Wind Gusts	Visibility
<u>30.11</u> (Hg), or _____ (mb)		☐ Variable	☐ Calm	☐ Not Gusting	<u>10.0</u> miles
		or	☐ Light and Variable	or	RVR: _____ feet
		Direction: <u>170.00</u>	or	Speed: <u>6.0</u> kts	RVV: _____ miles
		degrees true	Speed: <u>3.0</u> kts		Density Altitude: <u>6,200.0</u> ft.
Type of Precipitation <i>(Check all that apply)</i>					Restriction to Visibility <i>(Check all that apply)</i>
☒ None					☒ None
☐ Rain					☐ Fog
☐ Snow					☐ Blowing Dust
☐ Hail					☐ Ground Fog
☐ Rain Showers					☐ Blowing Sand
☐ Drizzle					☐ Blowing Snow
☐ Ice Pellets					☐ Blowing Spray
☐ Snow Pellets					☐ Dust
☐ Snow Grains					☐ Unknown
☐ Ice Crystals					
Icing Forecast		Intensity of Precipitation	Icing Actual		Turbulence <i>(Check all that apply)</i>
Amount	Type		Amount	Type	Type
☒ None	☐ ON/A	☐ Light	☒ None	☐ ON/A	☒ None
☐ Trace	☐ Rime	☐ Moderate	☐ Trace	☐ Rime	☐ Light
☐ Light	☐ Clear	☐ Heavy	☐ Light	☐ Clear	☐ Moderate
☐ Moderate	☐ Mixed	☒ N/A	☐ Moderate	☐ Mixed	☐ Severe
☐ Severe	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	☐ Severe	☐ Unknown	☐ Extreme
☐ Unknown			☐ Unknown		
NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETS, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:					
<u>24/034</u>					

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY

Aircraft Damage		Aircraft Fire		Aircraft Explosion	
☐ None	☒ Substantial	☒ None	☐ Both Ground and In-Flight	☒ None	☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Minor	☐ Destroyed	☐ In-Flight	☐ Fire at Unknown Time	☐ In-Flight	☐ Fire at Unknown Time
	☐ Unknown	☐ On-Ground	☐ Unknown	☐ On-Ground	☐ Unknown

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

The aircraft broke apart into 3 sections as Mid-Fuselage 1, Mid-Fuselage 2, and the Duct assembly. The wings remained on the aircraft fuselage with slight damage to the top of right wing. Mid-Fuselage 1 has substantial damage to nose and mount point going to mid-fuselage 2. Mid-Fuselage 2 has some damage to the mount points to mid-fuselage 1 and duct. The Duct assembly has minor damage to the structure and had damage to the mount points to mid-fuselage 2.

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.

On 8 April 2025, VBAT Platform N443VA did a vertical takeoff from the east end of DUG "A" Taxiway @ 1451 for the 3rd flight of the day. The platform did a good job climbing, transitioning to horizontal flight, and climbing to required altitude of 5,500ft/MSL, 1 NM NorthEast of airfield. Once reaching its desired altitude and roughly 2 minutes later, the AV's engine RPM's went to 0 signifying an engine failure. Data link was maintained and no other warnings or indicators were present outside of the AV starting to descend. Based on the glide ratio presented on the heads up display, the PIC was able to fly the aircraft to a safe landing location prior to hitting the ground roughly 500ft east of the A taxiway. The AV was able to maintain link throughout the entirety of the flight.

Once the AV landed safely, the crew drove to the crash site, put the AV in a Safe Mode (power off), and started to take pictures of the equipment as it layed. No hazards were seen.

After reviewing the initial data, it appears that the Ignition Servo failed causing the engine to stop running. There were no other indications or issues seen in the data review.

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

There are no recommendations at this time. This is the first Throttle Servo failure in the programs history, but more data will be assessed to determine the cause of the failure.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on a separate sheet.)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

Unknown at this time. Still assessing the situation to determine if it was the Servo itself that failed or if power or a command sent to it failed.

Total Time/ Cycles On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

0.8 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 100 Low Lead☐ Automotive☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Unleaded AV☒ Other, specify VP C-10

Other Services, if any, prior to departure:

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location:

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft.)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None

Model: _____

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)

We will continue to assess the failure to determine if further safety precautions are needed for the system. At this time, we believe the failure is an isolated incident, but will send further data to NTSB as needed.

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:

04/16/2025

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Justin Springer

Signature: _____

-or- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

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

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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