

National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594

Brief of Accident

Adopted 06/21/2000

LAX98LA078
File No. 333 01/27/1998 VAN NUYS, CA Aircraft Reg No. N7921S Time (Local): 12:30 PST

Make/Model:	Bellanca / 8KCAB	Fatal	0	Serious	0	Minor/None	1
Engine Make/Model:	Lycoming / AEIO-320-E1B	Crew	0				
Aircraft Damage:	Substantial	Pass	0		0		0
Number of Engines:	1						
Operating Certificate(s):	None						
Type of Flight Operation:	Personal						
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation						

Last Depart. Point:	Same as Accident/Incident Location	Condition of Light:	Day
Destination:	Local Flight	Weather Info Src:	Weather Observation Facility
Airport Proximity:	On Airport	Basic Weather:	Visual Conditions
Airport Name:	VAN NUYS AIRPORT	Lowest Ceiling:	None
Runway Identification:	16R	Visibility:	6.00 SM
Runway Length/Width (Ft):	8001 / 150	Wind Dir/Speed:	090 / 007 Kts
Runway Surface:	Asphalt	Temperature (°C):	21
Runway Surface Condition:	Dry	Precip/Obscuration:	None / Haze

Pilot-in-Command Age: 46

Certificate(s)/Rating(s)
Student
Instrument Ratings
None

Flight Time (Hours)
Total All Aircraft: 47
Last 90 Days: Unk/Nr
Total Make/Model: 26
Total Instrument Time: UnK/Nr

While on the takeoff roll the aircraft pulled hard to the left and the pilot counteracted with full right rudder. The aircraft departed the runway, crossed a grass area and a taxiway, and continued to a ramp area. The pilot was unable to stop the accident aircraft from impacting two parked aircraft. Winds at the time were from 090 degrees at 7 knots. The aircraft was examined on-scene and no mechanical difficulties were noted with the brakes. Flight control continuity was established on scene.

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Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings

1. WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND
 2. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
 3. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: COLLISION BETWEEN AIRCRAFT (OTHER THAN MIDAIR)

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ABORTED

Findings

4. OBJECT - AIRCRAFT PARKED/STANDING

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.

The student pilot's inadequate compensation for the existing crosswind condition and failure to maintain directional control. A related factor was the crosswind.