

Aircraft Occurrence April 2026

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Ref	Date of Occ	Registration	Location of Accident	Aircraft Type	Operations (Private, Training)	Province	Fatalities	Circumstances
TBU	05-04-2026	ZU-MND	Left side of the Shikwaru Lodge airstrip runway	SLING AIRCRAFT (PTY) LTD	SLING AIRCRAFT (PTY) LTD	LP	0	The pilot stated that during landing at Shikwaru Lodge airstrip, the aircraft's left main wheel touched down hard outside the demarcated runway and landed on the grass area on the left followed by the right wheel. As a result, the left main wheel assembly detached from the strut. The aircraft sopped approximately 20 metres (m) from the first point of impact. The aircraft was substantially damaged.
TBU	20-04-2026	ZS-ISU	Runway 28R, Port Alfred Airport (FAPA) Eastern Cape province	Piper Aircraft Corporation	Piper Aircraft Corporation	EC	0	According to the report received from the Student Pilot (SP), she departed FAPA at approximately 0525Z. After taking off from Runway 28 Left (L), the SP climbed out and made a right turn for the crosswind leg at an altitude of 1,300 feet. While on the crosswind leg, the SP attempted to reduce engine power, but the engine did not respond. Consequently, the SP stopped the climb and elected to return to FAPA to land. The SP reported that while on the right downwind for Runway 28L, the aircraft continually rolled to the right, and that she struggled to maintain straight and level flight and was also unable to adequately control the engine power using the throttle control while flying at more than 120 miles per hour (mph) at that point. The SP declared a Mayday on frequency 122.00 MHz and was cleared to land on Runway 28L. After completing the base and final turns, the aircraft was lined up for Runway 28 Right (R), and the SP committed to landing there. Immediately after touchdown on the main wheels, the SP lost directional control of the aircraft, causing it to veer off the right side of Runway 28R and to crash into bushy terrain. The SP sustained minor injuries, while the aircraft sustained substantial damage to the nose landing gear and both wings.
TBU	05-04-2026	ZS-SNR	Runway 25 of Lanseria Aerodrome (FALA)	Piper Aircraft Corporation	Piper Aircraft Corporation	GP	0	The pilots stated that a pre-flight inspection of the aircraft was conducted and no anomalies were noted. The aircraft was uplifted with 348 litres (L) of Avgas 100LL. The aircraft completed a circuit, and the pilots conducted the first touch-and-go landing. During the second circuit, the pilots followed the pre-landing checks on the downwind leg and confirmed that the three green gear down and locked indication lights were illuminated. The pilot selected the first stage of flaps whilst in approach at a speed of 80 knots. During the landing flare, the throttles were closed. The main landing wheels touched down first, followed by the nose wheel. During the landing roll, the nose landing gear collapsed, and the propellers struck the runway surface. The aircraft skidded on the nose cone and stopped on the remaining runway surface. The aircraft sustained minor damages. No injuries were reported.
	11-04-2026	ZU-JOL	Approximately 660 ft AGL	Sky Cruisers (Amateur Build Aircraft)	Sky Cruisers (Amateur Build Aircraft)	FS	0	The pilot stated that the aircraft departed from FAKR in the morning around 0415Z and landed safely at FAPY. After landing, the pilot met friends and had breakfast with them. At approximately 0800Z, the pilot took off on a return flight from FAPY to FAKR. Approximately 35 minutes into the flight whilst overhead the Mohlakeng

TBU								township in Randfontein at an altitude of 6 200 feet (ft), the pilot reported hearing an abnormal engine noise, this was followed by a significant loss of power. The aircraft subsequently begun to lose height. The pilot identified a field between the R28 regional road and a nearby residential area on which to conduct a forced landing. The aircraft touched down short of the intended landing area and impacted the trees along its path. The aircraft sustained minor damage to the nose landing gear. No person was injured during the occurrence.
TBU	12-04-2026	ZU-CCG	On the grass area, on the right-hand side of Runway 22.	Kitplanes for Africa (Amateur Built Aircraft)	Kitplanes for Africa (Amateur Built Aircraft)	WC	0	The pilot stated that upon arrival at Diemerkrail Airfield, he joined the circuit for Runway 22 which was in use. During touchdown at an estimated speed of about 48 miles per hour (mph) and while the tail-wheel was still off the ground, the pilot reached down to manually retract the flaps. Shortly thereafter, the aircraft unexpectedly begun to lose directional control and veered off to the right of the runway. The pilot attempted to recover the aircraft by applying full left rudder and left brake, but without success. The aircraft rolled onto the grass area alongside the runway and ground-looped. Consequently, the left main gear wheel assembly axle broke. The aircraft came to a stop on the grass area. Damage to the aircraft was minor and was limited to the left main gear axle that broke. No injuries were reported.
TBU	26-04-2026	ZS-GUE	Reitz Airport (FARZ) Reitz	Diamond Aircraft Industries GMBH	Diamond Aircraft Industries GMBH	FS	0	The pilot stated that he conducted a pre-flight inspection of the aircraft and no anomalies were noted. They took off from FAOI and the flight was uneventful. While on route to FALQ, the pilot observed that the engine temperature was abnormally high. As a precaution, he diverted to Reitz Airport (FARZ) Reitz, in the Free State province. Upon landing, the aircraft was inspected, and the engine fault was identified and rectified. At 1200Z, the aircraft departed from Runway 29 at FARZ. During the take-off roll on the wet, grassy runway, the aircraft veered to the left. As a result, the nose gear broke off, and the propellers struck the ground. The aircraft sustained damage to the nose gear and the propellers. No injuries were reported.

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