



Aircraft Occurrences September 2020

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Accident ref	Date of Occ	Aircraft Type	Registration	Province	Area of Occurrence	Fatalities	Circumstances	Type of operation
TBU	09-09-2020	Calidus Gyro	ZU-RHN	NC	Farm 100km from Deben	0	The pilot, who was on-board a gyrocopter, reported that he touched down with the main gears and, while the nose gear was still airborne, the gyrocopter was hit by a whirlwind which lifted its tail; it then rolled over to the left. The lodge staff came to the pilot's rescue by putting the gyrocopter back on its upright position, as well as assisting the pilot out of the gyrocopter.	Operation of Non-type Certified Aircraft
TBU	12-09-2020	Vans RV7	ZU-RVT	MP	Pyramid Airfield	0	The pilot reported that during the landing roll on Runway 33, the aircraft hit a ridge which caused the aircraft to drift to the right and ground loop.	Operation of Non-type Certified Aircraft
TBU	13-09-2020	Robinson R44	ZT-RHS	FS	Private Farm near Virginia	0	The pilot reported that he was heading/directing the blue wildebeest towards a boma, however, when he turned the helicopter, the rotor RPM alarm sounded. At that stage, he noticed that both the engine RPM and the rotor RPM were decreasing, and that the helicopter was losing height. The pilot then decided to land the helicopter, however, he landed hard, resulting in the tail boom being severed.	Commercial Helicopter Operations
TBU	17-09-2020	Robinson R 44	ZS-HFN	GP	Private Plot in Lynwood	0	The pilot reported that the helicopter's tail rotor blades hit the trees, which resulted in the helicopter spinning several times. The pilot was able to land the helicopter, however, he landed hard, resulting in the skids spreading after impacting the ground.	Commercial Helicopter Operations
TBU	20-09-2020	Aviat A-1 Husky	ZS-MEN	MP	Private farm Airstrip in Skoemanshoek,	0	During the take-off roll from his farm, the pilot encountered a crosswind blowing from the left side of the aircraft's take-off path. The pilot tried to compensate by applying the opposite rudder, but without success. He consequently lost directional control and the aircraft collided with the farm's perimeter fence before coming to rest on its left wing.	Operation of Non-type Certified Aircraft
TBU	19-09-2020	S10V Glider	ZS-PXM	GP	FAOI	0	The pilot, while on his return leg to FAOI after 3 hours of flight, decided to restart the motor to get to FAOI. The motor started normally, but then got stuck in idle position, producing no power. The pilot selected an open cultivated field to carry out an out landing. He made a radio call to FAOI stating his intention to land off base, about 5 Nautical Miles (NM) west of FAOI. He selected the gear down, flaps to 10° and landed. However, the field was soft and, thus, the aircraft wheels dug into the ground, causing the nose to touch the ground.	General Aviation and Operating Flight Rules
TBU	24-09-2020	Cessna 172	ZS-CAF	FS	FABM	0	The pilot reported that she was uncomfortable with the take-off and, in an attempt to abort, she overshot the runway and collided with the perimeter fence before the aircraft came to rest in an inverted position.	Aviation Training Organisation
TBU	15-09-2020	Robinson R 44	ZS-RKZ	LIMPOPO	Rooibokkraal private farm	0	The pilot reported that during game culling and when the helicopter was hovering low, about 3 metres above the trees, the tail rotor blades hit the trees, causing the helicopter to spin. The pilot subsequently loss control of the helicopter.	Commercial Helicopter Operations
TBU	24-09-2020	Cessna C 210	ZS-TIC	EC	FAGT	0	The pilot reported that he had engine failure during approach for landing on Runway 34 at Grahamstown. He was flying at a height of approximately 1200 feet and was about 600 metres away from the runway's threshold. He declared a "Mayday" as there was another aircraft in the circuit. The aircraft touched down with the nose landing gear first before nosing over and coming to a halt in an inverted position.	General Aviation and Operating Flight Rules



TBU	26-09-2020	AeropraktA 22LS	ZU-OVS	GP	Broederstroom	0	The pilot reported that during the landing roll, he overshot the runway and hit a stack of grass as a result of the aircraft failing to stop on the runway. The runway's length was 800 metres.	General Aviation and Operating Flight Rules
TBU	26-09-2020	Bat Hawk LSA	ZU-UBB	MP	Open field	0	On his fourth scenic flight of the day and 20 minutes into that flight, the pilot reported that the engine stopped operating. He identified an open field (newly ploughed field) to execute a forced landing. During the landing roll, the aircraft hit rocks and came to rest in a tail high position.	General Aviation and Operating Flight Rules
TBU	12-09-2020	Cessna C 180	ZS-CNP	GP	FASI	0	The pilot was conducting touch-and-go exercises on Runway 21 at FASI. On his third and full-stop landing, the pilot stated that the windssock was indicating variable wind and he waited for it to stabilise. During landing, the aircraft was hit by a left crosswind, resulting in the aircraft's right wing contacting the grassy runway. The aircraft came to a stop just off the runway and the pilot was able to taxi it to the hangar.	General Aviation and Operating Flight Rules
TBU	26-09-2020	Jora UAZ	ZU-GWM	WC	FASH	0	The pilot reported that they took off from Stellenbosch Airport and, when they were 1000 feet above ground level (AGL), the engine made two odd sounds before the RPM dropped to idle. The pilot switched on the pump, changed the magnetos and increased power, but there was no change in RPM. The pilot declared an emergency and executed a forced landing on an open field.	General Aviation and Operating Flight Rules

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