

CRASH CAUSES SORTED

The graphics at right show how LSA crashes as a composite breakdown by cause. By far, runway loss of control (R-LOC) leads the list, followed by miscellaneous causes and engine failures. Stall-related accidents, many of which occur on landing or takeoff, are similar in occurrence rate to the Cessna 152. Although the Rotax engines used in most LSAs are generally reliable, the 10 percent failure rate is significant, in our view. In many cases, the cause is listed as unknown.

