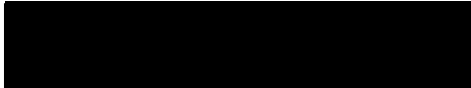


Inspector's Statement Accident N8000S Red Oak Iowa
November 20, 2012

On 11/20/2011, I received a phone call from the airport manager in Red Oak Iowa, Mr. Gail Ernst reporting that an aircraft while landing veered off the runway and has been damaged. It was not clear if this was an incident or accident. Inspector Jeff Rock and I proceeded to Red Oak to investigate. Upon arrival we spoke with the airport manager, flight instructor, and Pilot. We photographed the pilot logbooks and interviewed the pilot. The pilot was on his very first cross county solo flight when this occurred. All pilot records appeared to be current and complete including all required endorsements.

Inspector Rock and I proceeded to the aircraft which was in the bean field adjacent to the active runway. We photographed the scene and aircraft, ensured the ELT was off and inspected the aircraft. Both left and right wingtips were damaged, the nose gear was collapsed and the left wing was pushed back which indicates internal damage and bent wing spar. With the damage classified as substantial we determined it to be an accident. The ailerons were not functional after the accident, all other flight controls operated normally. The propeller shows signs that the engine was producing power at impact. The aircraft maintenance records were reviewed and no problems were noted.

During the interview with the pilot he stated that the aircraft controls did not operate like his car. The pilot stated that the day before he and his flight instructor flew the exact same route of flight with no problems. The pilot stated that there were no mechanical problems with the aircraft prior to the accident. The weather was clear and calm. He stated that he landed left of center and tried to stop (break) using the left rudder. Once he left the runway he added power to go around and stalled the aircraft and landed in the beans.



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