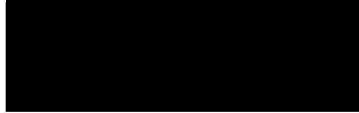


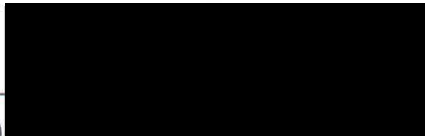
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I departed the hangar at 10:15 a.m. on 31 May for a half-hour demo-ride with a student (Corey Christiansen). After picking up to a hover, I noticed our mics were picking up a lot of wind noise. I told Corey I would land and adjust the VOX. I set the helicopter down on the taxiway and reached for the VOX on the intercom box. Just as I touched the VOX, the helicopter started to ground resonate. With my right hand away from the cyclic, picking up to a hover immediately was not an option. I pushed hard down with my left hand on the collective, but the collective was already full down. By this time, the oscillating was severe and as a last ditch effort, I rolled the throttle to idle, but that didn't help either. Within seconds, the helicopter came apart. When the blades stopped, I tried pulling the mixture but it was binding. I shut the engine down with the magnetos. Later, I pulled the mixture and fuel cut-off.

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