



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
FAA Inspector Statement
CEN18CA080
Erie, Colorado
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Inspector Michael Anderson, Denver FSDO, reported the following Information:

Accident site examination of the wreckage did not show any engine, mechanical, or flight control problems prior to the accident.

The student pilot stated that he had confused the fuel control with the carburetor heat control while on approach when he lost control of the aircraft.

The on-ground flight instructor stated that the engine on the aircraft was powerful and would exhibit some pretty good torque at higher power settings, which would cause it to pull to the right as stated by the student. He said that it would be much more noticeable with only one person on board. Even though the flight instructor briefed the student prior to the solo on the performance, he thinks that the student got nervous after take-off and had problems controlling the aircraft.

Another issue that the flight instructor noted was that the student would train on again/off again. The student would train for a while, go out of town for a while, and then come back and resume training. Pilot log review confirmed that statement.

Total hours for the student pilot (logbook review by the FAA):

35 hours total

35 hours total in make in model

1 hour in last 90 days

2 hours in last year

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