



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
Pilot Statement Summary
CEN20LA343
Brandon Minnesota
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The pilot reported the following information:

- Practicing touch and go landings and takeoffs from his private grass runway.
- On the last touch and go, the pilot said that the engine started to lose power. He contemplated landing on the remaining runway as he thought that the engine regained power. But, due to the length of the remaining runway, he elected to continue the takeoff. Because of obstacles at the departure end of the runway, he turned the airplane toward a wheat field.
- While maneuvering toward the field, the landing gear struck a 4-foot-high fence post. As the pilot attempted to clear a bush, the airplane struck a steel fence post.
- The airplane spun, traveled about 150-feet, and came to rest. As the pilot and passenger exited the airplane, a post-impact fire ensued.

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