

On June 24th my brother reached out and said if I wanted to join along and help on a short flight. This was going to be my first flight after getting my instrument rating the week prior. He sent me the information on the plane and told me to study up on it prior to the flight. The morning of the 25th I picked up my brother and drove up to North Houston airport 9X1 with our destination being Conroe KCXO. We both did a full preflight. As it's my first time in this airplane I myself took no risks in overlooking anything externally before getting inside and starting the engine. We did one last weather check which was great that morning and got inside. The engine turned on the first try and we continued on with all checklists not missing or skipping a single line. We taxi up to 17 and watched a Cessna land before our turn to takeoff. We brief the takeoff and set up for a short field takeoff. We line up at the very edge of the runway, hold the brakes and off we go. I called out the airspeed and engine gauge checks. We lift off at rotation speed and at that point I vocally let him know the speed isn't growing. Seconds after rotation, slowly gaining altitude, we were still barely past rotation speed and we both knew very quickly there is something wrong. The airplane felt sluggish. Now this airport is surrounded by tall trees including a forest of trees in front of us. Our speed and altitude weren't nearly enough to even attempt to continue flying over and at that point we didn't have enough runway to bring it down immediately. We agree to aim for the empty dirt field to our 2-o clock to hopefully give us more time and space to pick up speed and altitude. Within a few seconds we both knew this plane wasn't able to do either so we knew we were going down wherever we could. I get on the CTAF and say we're going down for an emergency landing. We didn't have much space at all and had to risk hitting the ground quick and hard as opposed to flying into the trees directly ahead. Inadvertently hit what we now know is a trench which didn't help the impact but we both managed to get out of the plane as quickly as possible while a good Samaritan came to help and call 911.


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