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Date: March 11, 2024
Subject: CEN24LA131 - Lubbock, Texas
Contact: Gerald Hafle - Pilot

Mr. Hafle did not report any failures or malfunctions with the airplane. The accident occurred during his initial solo flight, and he had completed one takeoff and landing. When he added engine power for the second takeoff, he lost control of the airplane. He noted that the airplane nose wheel had a tendency to "bounce" a little during rotation and he likely did not account for this during the accident takeoff.

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