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This date July 31 2016 I witness an aircraft
(weight-shift control) taking off on Runway 14
with a passenger.

Upon take-off Aircraft Lifted-off about
4-6 ft came back down touching wheels
and continued to lift-off again about
4-6 ft, and once again touch wheels
which broke the left rear wheel as aircraft
leaned left and scraped to a halt.

Robert J. Morrison.
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August 11, 2016

Good Afternoon Marco,

On Sunday July 31st, 2016 at Valkaria Airport (around seven in the morning) after pre-flight check offs Mike and I decided to walk towards his aircraft for takeoff. At this time, Bob was not quite ready to take off. We taxied out to the runway from the hanger, Mike started to explain what to anticipate and the course of our flight. As we approached the beginning of the runway, he explained that we would lose communication for a minute why he checked to see if air space was clear. After verification, we were back in communication and proceeded down the runway. We started down the runway and approached our runway speed of 60 MPH. After hitting our target speed, Mike pushed the handlebar and the aircraft began to rise. After about five to six feet in the air something went wrong. Right after, the nose of the aircraft began to dive down. Mike attempted to slow down/stop the aircraft but was unsuccessful. Our first hit was nose first, the aircraft proceeded to go up and down another two times. On the third hit the aircraft fell on the left side and a wheel broke (I'm unsure if more than one wheel broke). After, it pulled us down the runway (the distance is unknown). After we came to a stop, Mike was sitting on the runway with the aircraft laying on his back. I was laying on the runway with my left leg trapped in the aircraft from what I believe to be the seat and seatbelt. I proceeded to yell to Mike "I think I broke my leg". He was able to unleash my seatbelt and/or move the aircraft to release my leg. Once I was free, I knew my left leg was broken, as the bone was exposed. Mike began to state that he thought his hip was broken. The aircraft remained on his back until help arrived.

Shortly after, my wife (Carol) and Bob's wife (Carla) came running to the scene. Then, Bob and his passenger showed up in his aircraft. At that time Bob's passenger instructed me to apply pressure on my knee to stop the bleeding. Soon after, authorities showed up, they proceeded to tend to my knee and remove the aircraft off of Mike. Once aircraft was removed, we began to smell fuel. At that point, they quickly removed us from the scene. I was transported via helicopter and Mike was transported via EMS.

I have a video of the aircraft during the pre-flight check and photos of the scene. If you would like a copy please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dan Gray