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Inspector: Juan C Garcia

On Wed July 12, 2017, my student, Luis Alvarez Perez, and I met to perform a scheduled flight at 10:30 am. We briefed lesson 1 for the complex aircraft and performed a detailed pre-flight inspection where everything was satisfactory.

We took off and headed to the practice area where we began the inflight preparations for the practicing of maneuvers.

After 30 mins in flight while doing the pre-maneuver checklist, we decided to switch fuel tanks. Following all procedures, we switched tanks and after doing so we began to experience engine vibrations which were unusual along with power loss. Immediately we placed the boost pump back to the 'ON' position and switched the tank back to the original tank (right tank). That remedied the issue.

We then proceeded back to the airport. While doing so, approximately two minutes after, we began once again to experience engine roughness/vibrations and also a loss of power. After trying to restart the engine as per the checklist which deemed unsuccessful, the decision was immediately made to perform a off field landing on a levy not too far away.


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