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AT APPROX 4:30 PM - 4:45, WE TOOK OFF FROM HOWARD FIELD AFTER AN EXTENSIVE ANNUAL INSPECTION. I PERSONALLY PREFLIGHTED THE AIRCRAFT AND THIS WAS THE POST FLIGHT MAINTENANCE CHECK FOR THIS AIRCRAFT.

THE TAKEOFF WAS INTO THE WIND AND NO ADVERSE EFFECTS WERE NOTED. THE AIRPLANE WAS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY WITH PLENTY OF POWER. ALL PREFLIGHT CHECKS WERE DONE. MAGS, CARS, HEAT, CONTROLS ETC.

WE FLEW AROUND THE PATTERNS TWO TIMES AND THEN PROCEEDED TO FLY FARTHER AWAY FROM THE FIELD. WE FLEW SOMEWHERE AROUND 30-45 MINUTES WITH NO PROBLEMS PRESENT. ALL TEMPS WERE WITHIN LIMITATIONS. WE PROCEEDED BACK TO THE FIELD FOR LANDING AND SET THE APPROACH UP AT 65 MPH AND 20 DEGREES OF FLAPS, MIXTURE RICH AT 1750 RPM. JUST BEFORE TOUCH DOWN, A GUST OF WIND HIT US AND IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS PUSHING US TO THE GROUND AND ALSO BACK. WE WERE IN GROUND EFFECT AND BY THE TIME WE COULD DO A GO AROUND, I FELT THE AIRCRAFT HIT THE GROUND AND WITHIN A SECOND OR TWO, WE WERE ON OUR BACK UPSIDE DOWN. NO ONE WAS INJURED

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Except for superficial scratches the
Pic Steve Howard was at the controls at
the time

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