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Subject: ERA24LA243, Pilot telephone statement

Contact: Jerry Bruce, Pilot in Command

The pilot reported that, after conducting a preflight check and inspecting all instruments, he proceeded with takeoff from runway 36 despite gusty wind conditions. Once airborne, the winds began to push the airplane off the centerline to the left. The pilot was unable to regain control of the airplane, resulting in a crash. He noted that there were no anomalies with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation; he simply did not regain control.