



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum – Inspector Statement

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To: AFG700-ATL-FSDO-SO11

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Subject: N407MD Accident

On January 28, 2026, 1330 local time student pilot flying a Cessna C172S, N407MD was on solo flight performing takeoffs and landing at Newnan Coweta County Airport (CCO). The first takeoff and landing was normal. On the second take-off the Student Pilot failed to run the checklist and took off with the flaps full down. Student pilot made a comment that it made her nervous. Flying straight out slowing retracted the flaps up. After a few minutes of just flying around to calm down she made her third attempt and stated she came in high and fast touch down hard and perform a go-around instead of landing. On her fourth attempt to land she came in bounce and got into a condition known as porpoising and couldn't get the aircraft under control.

After the aircraft came to a stop the aircraft was inspected and found to have a prop strike, nose gear damage, belly damage, rudder damage, and firewall damage.

The aircraft was inspected and found all flight controls worked normally except; the elevator was in a bind due to the buckle floor and lower belly skin damage causing the forward and aft movement to be restricted.

Aircraft records were reviewed and found to comply at time of accident.

1. Annual was Current due March 31, 2026.
2. had seven 100-hour inspections performed since annual
3. 411 & 413 performed on Oct. 7, 2025