

N631TK statement

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To: Vanover Jackie

I was told to send you a brief statement regarding the incident with N631TK at Inflight Pilot Training.

We were doing a soft field takeoff on runway 36 around 2pm on August 17, 2016. It was the second take off on the field, first one from 36.

I was at the controls initially. Carb heat off, full throttle, 10 degree flaps, and yoke pulled back. I noticed the plane veering to the right so I added left rudder. The nose wheel was off the ground and we felt the main wheels lift so I released back pressure. Raechel was talking me through the whole process and when the plane went airborne and started to lose control, she jumped on the controls immediately. Her hands were always by the yoke if not resting on it as to assist me if need be. The runway felt extremely bumpy, we may have hit a bump that bounced us up and as a result we believed we were airborne. I think the plane did not have enough power to fly at this point. The first takeoff seemed to take longer than normal, maybe because of the heat. We were about halfway down the runway at the site of the incident.

Sincerely,
Sara Strommen