

First of all my name is rafael melendez cfi at the Academy of America in hondo, Texas. I was taxing with my student for a lesson flight. When ~~at~~ I and my student was about to do a run up, I saw the aircraft on final about 400 feet from the threshold when I saw the gear was up, in my head I thought he was going to do a low approach. I turned around to check on my student and then I turned around and the merlin was on the runway going sliding down the runway. I saw smoke and immediately called on the radio to AAA ops so they could call out. While taxing the pilot on final never made a radio call stating that he was on final approach.

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