

I performed a standard preflight, including weight and balance calculations, sumping all the tanks, and checking the oil in each engine. I observed as the fueler filled the main and auxiliary tanks. No abnormalities were observed during engine startup or run-up.

Upon receiving tower clearance, I proceeded to the runway, applied brakes, increased manifold pressure, and checked the gauges. I released the brakes and simultaneously increased power to full. All conditions seemed normal.

While on takeoff roll, I felt a sudden lag in what I would describe as forward motion. I immediately looked at airspeed indicator and determined that the speed was not increasing, but actually seemed to be fluttering. I immediately pulled the power, applied brakes, and actuated the spoilers in an effort to reduce speed as quickly as possible.

Upon reaching the end of the runway, I veered slightly right to avoid runway end lights and a steel structure. The plane came to rest in ditch without striking any objects and without any injuries. I did not turn sooner or more abruptly for fear of flipping the aircraft.