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Subject: WPR26LA169, Interview
Contact: [REDACTED], Pilot

According to the pilot, the airplane was rented from Pacific Coast Flyers in Carlsbad, California.

The pilot had been signed off for a solo flight and on the day of the accident checked the weather, which indicated low wind and normal weather. The intent was to do pattern work. On the downwind leg the pilot could feel the gusting wind, but it seemed ok.

While landing, a gust of wind came from the right and lifted the right wing and pushed the airplane to the left. The left wing hit the ground and continued off the runway, facing toward the tarmac. The pilot was able to stop the airplane normally.

Reported wind before the flight 270° at 7 knots. By the time of the accident the wind was gusting to 16 knots.

The pilot reported no mechanical problems with the airplane.