



RECORD OF MEMORANDUM

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Date: 7/15/2020
Person Contacted: Dave Mellinger (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20CA205

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by the pilot in multiple email correspondence:

Follow-up questions:

1. Do you have the takeoff weight and balance as well as the performance chart values for the airplane for the specific flight?
2. What as your takeoff configuration e.g. flap setting, etc.?
3. What was the takeoff roll IAS prior to rotation and IAS during climb out?
4. The moment the airplane started to descend, what altitude and airspeed where you?
5. When did you initiate a left turn?

Follow-up answers:

1. The pilot does not have nor recall the values.
2. The pilot leaned for best power at run-up and set a notch of flaps and the airplane was about 2100 lbs.
3. The pilot recalled rotating about 75 mph. The pilot began a climb out about 80 mph and was also committed to takeoff at that time.
4. The pilot believed it was about 5,000 msl; however, after crossing the threshold and outside the airport boundary is when the airplane started losing altitude quickly.
5. As for the question of the direction of turn, terrain only allowed for a turn out to the northwest, or to the left, which descended into a valley to the road on which he forced landed the airplane.