



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	HILLSBORO, Oregon	Accident Number:	SEA98LA059
Date & Time:	April 1, 1998, 11:10 Local	Registration:	N1310A
Aircraft:	Beech 35-C33	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional		

Analysis

While practicing soft-field takeoffs in a single-control throw-over yoke aircraft, the student pulled the aircraft off the runway prior to attaining enough speed to remain airborne. Immediately after becoming airborne, the aircraft banked sharply to the left, dropped onto the runway, and bounced back into the air. According to the instructor pilot, when he saw that the aircraft was going to lift off prematurely, he commanded the student to lower the nose. But, the student did not lower the nose enough, and the instructor did not apply forward pressure to the central control pedestal to keep the aircraft from lifting off too early. It was later discovered that the left wing had impacted the asphalt surface when the aircraft dropped back onto the runway.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The flight instructor's inadequate supervision and the dual student's premature lift off which resulted in inadequate airspeed, a stall, and collision with the ground.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) LIFT-OFF - PREMATURE - DUAL STUDENT

2. AIRSPEED - INADEQUATE - DUAL STUDENT
3. STALL
4. REMEDIAL ACTION - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND(CFI)

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

5. TERRAIN CONDITION - RUNWAY

Factual Information

On April 1, 1998, approximately 1110 Pacific standard time, the left wing of a Beech 35-C33, N1310A, impacted the runway immediately after a premature liftoff at Portland-Hillsboro Airport, Hillsboro, Oregon. The certified flight instructor and his student, who holds a private pilot certificate, were not injured, but the aircraft, which was owned and operated by Tektronix Flying Club, sustained substantial damage. The 14 CFR Part 91 local instructional flight was being operated in visual meteorological conditions. No flight plan had been filed, and there was no report of an ELT transmission.

According to the FAA inspector who talked to the instructor, while practicing soft-field takeoffs, the student pulled the aircraft into the air prior to attaining enough speed to remain airborne. The aircraft almost immediately banked sharply to the left, and dropped back onto the runway hard enough to be "jolted" back into the air. The takeoff was then continued, followed by an immediate return to inspect for damage.

According to the instructor pilot, when the aircraft, which was configured with a single throw-over control yoke, began lifting off, he commanded the student to "drop the/your nose." The student did not drop the nose enough to avoid the premature lift-off, and the instructor did not attempt to apply forward pressure on the central control pedestal to keep the aircraft from lifting off too early.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	62, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	March 5, 1998
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	1050 hours (Total, all aircraft), 320 hours (Total, this make and model), 886 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 21 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 13 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N1310A
Model/Series:	35-C33 35-C33	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Utility	Serial Number:	CD-1105
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	January 31, 1998 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3150 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	47 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	6902 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-470K
Registered Owner:	TEKTRONIX FLYING CLUB	Rated Power:	225 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	16°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	(HIO)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	11:10 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

Airport Information

Airport:	PORTLAND-HILLSBORO HIO	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	200 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	30	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:	6600 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	45.43922,-122.960762(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Anderson, Orrin

Additional Participating Persons: ALLEN SHELBY;

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Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=42772>

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