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# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ERA19CA148
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	April 8, 2019, 09:32 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N68727
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna 152	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>	Loss of control on ground	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Minor
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional		

## Analysis

The student pilot was conducting solo touch-and-go landings and takeoffs. During the landing roll of the eighth touch-and-go landing, he retracted the flaps to 0° and applied full engine power for takeoff. The airplane began drifting "hard" to the left, and he applied right rudder; however, the airplane departed the left side of the runway, impacted a runway marker, and came to rest in a nose-down attitude. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the firewall. The student reported that there were no preaccident mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The student pilot's failure to maintain directional control during takeoff, which resulted in a runway excursion and impact with a runway marker.

## Findings

<b>Aircraft</b>	Directional control - Not attained/maintained
<b>Personnel issues</b>	Aircraft control - Student/instructed pilot
<b>Environmental issues</b>	Sign/marker - Effect on operation



## Factual Information

### History of Flight

Takeoff	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)
Takeoff	Attempted remediation/recovery
Takeoff	Runway excursion
Takeoff	Collision during takeoff/land

### Student pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	61,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	February 21, 2019
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 57 hours (Total, all aircraft), 57 hours (Total, this make and model), 1 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 13 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Cessna	<b>Registration:</b>	N68727
<b>Model/Series:</b>	152 No Series	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1978	<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	15282340
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	March 6, 2019 100 hour	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	1670 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	10963.4 Hrs as of last inspection	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Lycoming
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-235-L2C
<b>Registered Owner:</b>		<b>Rated Power:</b>	110 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	On-demand air taxi (135), Pilot school (141)

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	LNS,403 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	0 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	08:53 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	8 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	/	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>		<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.86 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	16°C / 13°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Lancaster, PA (LNS )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>	Lancaster, PA (LNS )	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	VFR
<b>Departure Time:</b>	08:45 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class D

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	LANCASTER LNS	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	402 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry;Wet
<b>Runway Used:</b>	13	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	4102 ft / 100 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Touch and go;Traffic pattern

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Minor	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Minor	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	40.118888,-76.299446(est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Wentz, Peter
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	William Gossley; FAA-FSDO; Harrisbury, PA
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<b>Note:</b>	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=99245">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=99245</a>

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