

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
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**de Havilland Aircraft  
Tiger Moth**

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Factors:

1. The trainee pilot was unfamiliar with the engine control movement;
2. The starting throttle position was not set from the closed throttle position;
3. The throttle was set too far open for start;
4. The flight controls were not set to help keep the tail low;
5. Timely action to reduce engine rpm was not taken;
6. The instructor did not check that the throttle and flight controls were properly set for start.

