



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
FAA Inspector Statement On-
Site Observations
CEN15LA439
Alice, Texas
September 14, 2015

On-Site Observations reported to NTSB by FAA Inspector Frank Fortmann

The pilot was practicing autorotations to a hover. He reported that he felt a vibration in the helicopter on the third practice autorotation. The helicopter hit the ground on a gravel road with a little forward speed. Both skids were ripped off the fuselage and the helicopter rolled onto its left side. One main rotor blade fractured in half and the fuselage buckled. The tailboom was still attached.

No mechanical problems were discovered during the on-site examination.

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