



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
FAA Inspector Phone
Conversation
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Hope AR
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FAA inspector J Moss reported the following information:

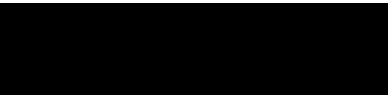
The airplane was resting on the grass to the left of the runway surface. Evidence at the accident site showed ground impressions from the left wingtip and propeller marks were on the ground. Evidence showed that the airplane ground looped as it departed the runway. The left wing was bent downward mid-span about 90-degrees, and the fuselage was buckled. The left main landing gear retaining mechanism was found broken. It was not clear if the damage was pre or post impact.

Personnel at the airport said that it was a nice day with light winds.

The pilot told the FAA inspector that he believed that the retaining mechanism could have broken upon landing, resulting in the loss of control and ground loop.

The pilot reported that he had built the airplane and had about 500 hours of flight time in the accident airplane.

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