



Memo for Record

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NTSB Accident Number: CEN17LA081

During notification and subsequent conversation of the airplane accident, the FAA inspector made the following points:

- Pilot was airborne about 40 minutes, when he heard a loud “bang”, engine ran rough, and then lost power.
 - Tried to make airport but landed in a field short; wing struck some bushes/trees, airplane came to rest in stand of pine trees.
- Heavy damage to the left wing
- No oil in the engine, film of oil was on the underside of engine/airplane
- No external problem visible with engine
 - Appears to be internal hit on inside of oil sump
- Nuts on vacuum pump appeared loose
 - Pump had just recently been replaced.
 - Engine had around 260 hrs since overhaul