

5/5/2021 – Inspector Statement for N9515A accident ZOOM meeting

On 4/13/2021, this Inspector joined Zoom meeting with Mr. Richard Ryan (Airman) and POI & ASI assigned to this investigation.

The airman was questioned about the non-aviation battery installation and roll of toilet paper used to keep the battery secure. The airman stated he was aware of the installed battery and that it was an experimental type battery. The airman was asked if he could provide data or records to substantiate the aircraft's battery installation. He replied stating he did not have data or records for this installation. The airman was questioned about the inop transponder status and how he complied 91.213 for inoperative equipment. He said that he did not comply with the 91.213 regulation and had no further records on the transponder.

Previously, the NTSB had concern for the aircraft electrical system operation, due to the Airman informing NTSB that he lost power to the cigarette lighter outlet installed in the aircraft. The Airman indicated to us during the Zoom call that only the cigarette lighter outlet appeared to have lost power. The Airman stated that the radio and all other aircraft electrical items continued normal operation throughout the flight.

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