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Subject: Supplement to interview of Orbic Air, LLC personnel on February 12, 2024
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Gentlemen,

During our interviews yesterday, I was asked if the aircraft had any issues that I knew about. I responded that everything on the aircraft was airworthy and operational following its release from maintenance, which is an accurate statement.

Following the interviews, and during our internal round-table discussion, I realized that I did not advise you of the fact the pilot reported that the radar altimeter was exhibiting intermittent inoperability during the ferry flight from Camarillo to Burbank after maintenance and test flight. The pilot texted me stating that it was not operational (a copy of the text string is attached). I asked him to verify that the circuit breaker was not pulled, which he confirmed. At this time, I also asked him to get the mechanic, Luke, who is based in Burbank, to call me. I spoke to Luke three times (5:47 p.m., 6:01 p.m., and 6:09 p.m.) at which time I provided him some troubleshooting suggestions. I did not receive any follow up calls from Luke regarding the status of the radar altimeter, so I was unaware of the result of the troubleshooting. After the interviews yesterday, I followed up with Luke, who confirmed he was not able to get it to work.

Prior to the departure from Burbank, Brady Bowers held an in-person discussion with the PIC and advised him that he could take the flight if the altimeter was working, but that he could not take the flight if it was inoperable. The PIC did not report any issue or difficulty with the altimeter prior to, or during, any phase of the flight from Burbank to Palm Springs, or from Palm Springs until the accident.

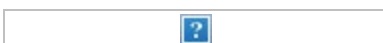
We wanted to bring this to your attention immediately so that this information can be utilized in your further investigation and any subsequent wreckage inspection. Since this was not discussed yesterday, we wanted to make sure you had all of the information we have.

Kind regards
Stephen Cranswick



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Ben >

Friday 5:34 PM

Radar Alt doesnt work.

5:34 PM

Anything I can try?

5:34 PM

Doesn't turn on?

5:34 PM

It did one run up test and then no lights. Now turning it on does nothing

5:35 PM



Have Luke call when you land

5:35 PM

Is the circuit breaker on the bottom of the panel popped?

5:36 PM

Delivered

No

5:46 PM



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