

Jason Aguilera
Senior Air Safety Investigator
Aviation Safety - Central Region

Date: November 27, 2024
Subject: CEN25LA029 Update
Contact: Marlyn Beisner, Lincoln FAA FSDO

FAA Inspector Marylyn Beisner did a review of the maintenance records for N257ST and found the following information:

- On July 19, 2021, the builder/owner submitted an Eligibility Statement Amateur-Built Aircraft and Application for U.S. Airworthiness Certificate
- On July 25, 2021, the builder/owner completed an inspection of the airplane
- On July 26, 2021, a DAR signed the airplane off for a Special Airworthiness Certificate which would have included an inspection of the airplane
- On October 14, 2022, an Airworthiness & Powerplant (A&P) mechanic performed a conditional inspection of the airplane.
- On March 30, 2023, and January 22, 2024, the owner builder performed conditional inspections of the airplane
- No documented or reported maintenance of the elevator was found in the logbook, the A&P's work order, or by the builder/owner's recollection
- The builder/owner reported using the inspection form in the maintenance manual for the conditional inspections

None of the missing hardware from the elevator was located on the runway, nor in the accident airplane.

When the airplane was recovered from the airport to a secure facility, the recovery company did not locate any of the elevator hardware.

---END---