



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: January 28, 2015
NTSB Accident Number: ERA14FA122
Person Interviewed: Ms. Helen Helpling

Narrative: Ms. Helpling was the pilot/owner/builder of the accident airplane. She provided a comprehensive written statement, and was interviewed briefly by telephone to inquire about the development of an operational checklist for the accident airplane that she manufactured and flew.

According to Ms. Helpling, she did develop a checklist for the airplane, had it with her, and consulted it prior to the accident flight. She stated that one item on the checklist was to ensure the security of the canopy, but stated she "could never know" if she neglected to secure the canopy, or if the latch had somehow malfunctioned.