



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Alton Bay, New Hampshire

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Thomas Volpe, Pilot

When: August 6, 2015

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Volpe stated that he did not remember a "single aspect" of the accident after he took off including the engine running rough and subsequent forced landing. However, he did recall that prior to takeoff, the airplane and engine were operating fine and the fuel selector valve was set to the right wing fuel tank.

Mr. Volpe was asked if he had any problems on previous flights with the fuel selector valve seating properly into its respective detents. He stated that he hadn't, but did agree that the detents were hard to feel. So much so, he didn't even realize there were any detents until after he had flown the airplane for about 10 hours. Mr. Volpe said that there was no way for him to be sure because he couldn't remember the accident, but the fuel selector valve "may" have been a factor in the loss of engine power.

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