

On July 29th 2015 I arrived at Jaffrey airport NH at about 10:30 am. I preflighted 285 XE and then flew in range of air port practicing Auto rotations ~~and~~ for about 45 minutes. During this flight I had noticed that all gages were within normal operating range. I landed Helicopter at air port and refueled with 93 octane gasoline from a near by ~~gas~~ gas station. It has been routine for me to practice at air port to make sure everything is ok with me and Heli and then go on a ~~normal~~ flight away. So after fueling I headed south of Jaffrey. I was at about 2500 ft msl when I felt my tail kick from loss of torque and noticed my engine rpm was only at aprox 30% : unable to bring engine power back up with Throttle I was forced to auto rotate. I performed a max glide auto to a ~~empty~~ empty field I saw and had a hard landing

That resulted in a tail strike
with main rotor.

I was uninjured and no
property was damaged.

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