



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: December 8, 2015
Person Contacted: Mike Noles, FAA Orlando FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16LA058 – Sanford, Florida

This investigator interviewed Mr. Noles by telephone. He was one of the inspectors that assisted in the investigation.

- Mr. Noles reported that there was evidence of preexisting damage to the nose gear area, possibly from an unreported hard landing.
- The damage was structural in nature, at the nose gear actuator attachment point, near the pedestal area. A major repair would be needed to return the airplane to service.
- The airplane had been rented out for an extended amount of time since the last 100-hour inspection. The operator was not aware of any recent damage to the airplane.
- Mr. Noles will forward photographs of the damage to the aircraft structure.