



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: FAA Examination of N3154E
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA262

On July 21, 2017, FAA inspectors Tausif Butt and Bruce Vestal arrived at White Plains Airport (SC99), Gilbert, South Carolina, at 1030 edt, and met with Mr. James Fender, the pilot involved in the accident.

According to Inspectors Butt and Vestal, the airplane had been moved from the accident site and relocated to Mr. Fender's hangar.

Inspectors Butt and Vestal conducted visual examination of the airplane with the following results:

1. The left wing outboard leading edge had sustained impact damage. They could not inspect the substructure behind the leading due to access.
2. The left wing attach point panel, had loose screws.
3. Propeller blade tip damage was visible.
4. There was no visible damage to the engine or cowlings.
5. Torn fuselage skin was observed beneath the cockpit. They could not inspect the area behind the skin due to access.
6. Both main wheel brakes displayed no abnormalities.
7. The left-hand main landing gear showed no abnormalities.
8. The right-hand main landing gear had separated from the airplane.
9. The right-wing tip was visibly damaged.
10. There was no visible damage to the controls or instruments in the cockpit.

Inspector Butts and Vestal also reviewed aircraft maintenance records, aircraft logbooks, aircraft certificates, pilot certificate and SPAS history of the pilot with satisfactory results.