

FAA Inspector Statement – ERA19LA014

The verbiage below is cut and paste from an e-mail from Inspector Blake to NTSB on October 17, 2018.

“I did go out to look at this aircraft yesterday. The aircraft tail is in the tree and the engine is against the ground. It has a Volkswagen bug engine. The left side valve cover was broken off and the forward exhaust rocker arm was broken off near the pivot point. The rest of the rocker arms were excessive distance from the valve stem. The right side of the engine valve system was about average in rocker clearance. I am not sure what has caused the difference between the two sides. Not sure where or how far you want to go on this. The engine is [against] that ground so there is only so much I can feel of the pushrod tubes. But, what I could feel did not feel bent or dented.”