



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum – Inspector Statement

Date: January 20, 2021

To: NTSB Inspector Heidi Kemner

From: John Pless, Airworthiness Inspector, ATL/FSDO/SO11/ [REDACTED]

Subject: N5939D engine run up and inspection post-accident

Inspector Kemner,

On Jan 14, 2021, N5939D located at Atlanta Air Salvage in Griffin, Georgia, underwent a thorough inspection of the engine and fuel system. N5939D was prepped for engine run by installing an external fuel tank and the damaged cowling removed. On initial start, the engine cranked but did not fire off. After several tries, the engine finally fired and ran with no issues. The carburetor was removed from the engine and disassembled with no findings. (NOTE: A small amount of debris was present in the carburetor screen but nothing of significant value). The aircraft fuel lines, fuel selector valves, fuel tanks, fuel caps and gascolator were all inspected and purged with no issues noted.

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