



MEMORANDUM

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Subject: FAA Statement

The FAA communicated in an email the damage assessment of N36ZN:

Inspector Aungst and myself arrived at the Thomasville Airport (THV), York PA on Monday October 24, 2022 at approximately 10:00am EST. The aircraft (N36ZN) a Cessna 185 was perched atop a hill entangled in a nine foot tall deer fence that surrounds the airport property. The pilot reported a loss of oil pressure and a suspected catastrophic engine failure.

The pilot and owner of N36DZ had just purchased the aircraft and was transitioning the aircraft from Maine to North Carolina, Prior to leaving Maine the pilot a who holds a ATP, CFI and an A&P Certificate with over 17,000 logged flight hours had received 8 hours of tail wheel training prior to his departure from Maine.

He reported he was flying at 8500 AGL when he lost power and spotted Thomasville Airport out the left window. He completed two spiral turns to the left and impacted the ground on the second turn. The aircraft slid across the ground approximately 200 feet before contacting the deer fence. The aircraft sustained substantial damage to the left wing, the left main gear broke away from the aircraft and the right main gear is still attached but bent backwards 90 degrees. The three bladed propeller is damaged consistent with contact with the ground. The passenger side door upper hinge is broken.