



Investigator Name: Leah D. Read
Title: Sr. ASI
Division: ERA

Date: October 4, 2023

Subject: ERA23LA325

Contact: Tyler Hodge, pilot/owner

In an email, Mr. Hodge stated that a few months prior to the accident, the fuel drain valve had been dripping. He fixed it by removing the valve and cleaning the O-ring seal which had a small piece of debris stuck in it from inside the fuel tank. Mr. Hodge also flushed the tank with fuel to be sure there was no debris in it. He said that he had not had a problem with the drain valve until the accident flight.