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Subject: ERA24LA264, Interview with FAA Inspector Patrick Wilcox

On 7/24/2024, this investigator spoke with FAA Inspector Patrick Wilcox, phone [REDACTED]. He was the airworthiness inspector assigned to N298Z.

His examination of the nose gear did not reveal any evidence of a preexisting mechanical failure or malfunction. All deformation to the nose gear appeared to be from overload as the result of the landing gear digging in to the grass runway.

Although the runway surface at DE20 was bumpy, they could not find the exact spot where the nose gear dug in.