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Subject: ERA25FA201, Controllability with nose baggage door open

Contact: Kris Wetherell, Air Safety Investigator, Piper Aircraft

On July 16, 2025, the IIC contacted Mr. Wetherell via electronic mail with the following question:

- Does Piper have any test data or knowledge of the controllability of the PA-32RT-300 in flight with the nose baggage door open?

He responded on July 17, 2025 via electronic mail stating the following:

"Piper does not have test data available..., but Bob was aware of the attached video that is of the same model with a nose baggage door opening in flight with several camera views available. It is a very docile event and does not even loose any contents from the nose baggage."

The IIC then responded stating the following:

"On the topic of controllability with the door open would it be fair to say the following:

"Piper does not have test data available as to the controllability of the PA-32 with the nose baggage door open but based on reports from pilots who have experienced a nose baggage door opening in flight, in this make and model, there is

no evidence that the nose baggage door opening in flight would result in a flight controllability issue.””

Mr. Wetherell responded, stating the following:

“I think your wording on controllability with a nose baggage door open sounds good.”