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On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, Mr. Auclair and an airworthiness inspector from the PWM FSDO re-examined the wreckage of N109CT, a Flight Design GMBH CTSW at Sanford, Maine.

Mr. Auclair reported the following (from email correspondence, in [blue](#)):

We removed the engine cowling to get a view of the nose wheel steering mechanism. The attached photo shows the intact system with no apparent evidence of failure. Also, we were able to lift the nose and operate the rudder pedals in both directions to confirm they function properly.

The nose wheel itself is perfectly intact and there is no evidence of any side loading to the tire.

A walk of the area where the aircraft landed did not show any signature tire marks.

