

FAA IIC Inspector visit to Greenville, KY

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For N11TY accident.

I interviewed the pilot concerning the events leading up to the left main gear twisting subsequent now rollover of the aircraft. The pilot taxied to the intended takeoff on runway 6 and held short and awaited incoming traffic to land.

When the landing aircraft did not report being on final and then being on the ground, the PIC decided to turn around and take off from the other end of the field with a better view of other active aircraft. He proceeded to taxi forward and then turned wide into the grass 8 to 10 feet from the edge of the pavement due to being in a conventional gear configured aircraft and then back onto the pavement towards runway 24.

I inspected the area where he turned around and the grassy area to each side of the taxi way is very smooth with a smooth transition from turf to pavement. The estimated distance away from the pavement was 8 feet. The difference between the two surfaces is negligible. The two pictures below show the exact area where he exited and re-entered the pavement in his turn-around procedure.



Heading towards runway 6 View #1



Turn around area - Heading towards runway 6 View #2



Turn around area - Heading towards runway 6 View #3