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Contact: [REDACTED], A&P, Rhode Island Aviation

[REDACTED] was contacted by the IIC via telephone and asked him to email the IIC a statement of what he observed after the accident of N1988X the following is that statement.

"After the hard nose gear landing the pilot ask me to inspect the plane they took delivery on the previous day after a extensive annual at another shop. The jump door was extensively damaged, the window completely shattered out. The jump door damage happen before the landing. There was no bumper or handle on the jump door & it was banging against the lower wing because it wouldn't latch properly. The firewall & new tunnel behind it was damaged from a hard landing. After talking to the pilot, I inspected the elevator trim tab and found it rigged backwards. I reported it to the owner. [REDACTED]"