



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Thomas Treharne (Pilot in Command)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA118

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a telephone conversation with the pilot in command of this accident flight.

The pilot stated that he performed a full pre-flight and found no anomalies with the airplane. He stated taxied to runway 26 and performed a run-up and noted no anomalies. The pilot reported that the takeoff was normal, with the exception of a little drag to the right.

The pilot stated that he performed one low approach and then came in a second time for a full stop landing. He touched down with both main landing gear and then bounced once. The airplane quickly re-settled to the ground, and when the tail wheel touched down the airplane significantly drifted to the right.

The pilot reported that the airplane continued to pull right and departed the runway to the right and subsequently ground looped. During the ground loop the pilot stated that the left main gear dug into the ground, but the wing did not make contact with ground.

During a post-flight examination, the pilot stated that the right main tire was 1/2- 3/4 flat. The pilot reported finding a small metal object that resembled a finishing nail in the tire. The pilot stated that he did not observe any abnormalities during preflight or taxi and takeoff with the right tire. The pilot stated the airplane experienced no anomalies during the flight, with exception to the right tire. The pilot stated that the winds were light and variable, maybe around 7 mph, and were not a factor.