



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Mr. Jerry Staggs (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA16LA182

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Jerry Staggs in an email conversation.

- I had just installed the engine and was ground checking for leaks. The helicopter was running at idle and I got in checking the governor.
- I did have my seat belt on, I always do when I go to the top end. I pulled collective to check at a hover and I was on for the ride spinning. I went into a spin, and went approximately 40 feet till I hit a tree and the corner of my house.
- When I hooked the battery up, I locked the pedals on the left side to keep the pedals out of the way, and forgot to unlock them.
- It was a maintenance error.