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Date: 8/1/2024
Subject: WPR24LA261
Contact: Wes Ramos

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Ramos stated the following:

- Engine has 1,400 – 1,500 hours since the last overhaul
- He departed Brown Field with the intention of landing at Hemet
- While 6 miles south of Hemet, at 4,500 ft msl, the engine rpm dropped from 2,400 to 2,000, accompanied by a vibration and grinding sound.
- Attempted to troubleshoot by applying carburetor heat, switching magnetos, checked fuel selector.
- Oil pressure decreased, however, oil temperature remained normal.
- Unsuccessful engine restart attempt.
- Initiated a forced landing to a soft field.
- The airplane nosed over when the main wheels settled onto the ground.
- Opened cowlings and noticed metallic debris within the oil sump.



Joshua Cawthra
Deputy Regional Chief
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Date: 10/1/2025

Subject: WPR24LA261

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During a telephone conversation, Mr. Ramos stated that the previous owner of the airplane had disassembled the engine and that the only abnormal item found was a fractured crankshaft.