

Subject: WPR25LA125

In an email dated August 7, 2025 the pilot stated:

"The short answer is that the gear leg came off as part of the groundloop. The gear leg failure did not cause the ground loop. I caused the ground loop.

However, the failure significantly increased the severity of the accident by resulting in the fuselage hitting the ground and a prop strike. The gear leg sheared outside of the gearbox, and sheared without significantly damaging the gearbox. Additionally, there was evidence of corrosion at the shear location. In other events that I have seen that resulted in the gear leg shearing, the gearbox has either shown signs of significant damage or been completely ripped out of the fuselage."

In a follow up conversation, the pilot stated that in order to recover the airplane, the leg failure surface was ground down, and the leg was welded back onto the stub.