

INSPECTORS STATEMENT

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On 1/14/2011, I discussed the accident which occurred on 01/01/2011 at TOA with the pilot/owner of A/C N322RV at TOA airport. The pilot stated that after landing, the A/C seemed to oscillate then pull to the right, resulting in a ground loop into the grassy area adjacent to the runway. He also indicated that he was not used to carrying a passenger in the rear seat. He did not indicate to me that he had made a hard landing. After inspecting the aircraft, I informed him that it was evident that a hard landing had occurred which damaged the engine and strut mount assembly.

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