



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
FAA Inspector Examination
Summary
CEN18LA157248
Marathon Texas
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FAA Inspector Steven White examined the airplane wreckage after the accident. He reported the following to the NTSB:

3 of the 4 hinges connecting the right flaperon hangar rib were found loose at the accident site. The wooden (spruce) material of the flaperon appeared to be dry rotted where the hinges attached.

Denny Aircraft Company Service Bulletin #9, dated September 12, 1991, had identified flaperon hangar rib failures on Kitfox models I, II, and III. The service bulletin identified the area of the attachment to be reinforced with a metal fixture. The accident airplane did not have the fixture installed.

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