



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Raymond Grenier, Owner/Pilot

Subject: ERA12LA069

The pilot was contacted regarding the accident circumstances. He reported that he did not operate the airplane on unimproved surfaces, although he may have landed it on a grass airstrip prior to the accident. He could not recall any hard landings that might have resulted damaged the landing gear.

The pilot indicated that it was possible for a bolt in the back of the landing gear assembly to have not been torqued properly. He reported that the area is very difficult to access on a built airplane and although he ensured that the appropriate torque was applied, it was possible that the bolt was not properly seated. The pilot received the airplane as a partially built kit and did not do the original installation of the bolts. Additionally, he saw fretting on a bracket that secures the landing gear c-clamp. The pilot did not take any photographs of the fretting. The pilot indicated that he was not certain that this caused the event, but due to the difficult nature of accessing this hardware, he felt that it was likely. Since the accident, he uses a video borescope that allows good visual examination of this area on the airplane. Since the accident, he has had no further problems with the airplane.