



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Central Region – Arlington, Texas

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Brent Elliot, Lincoln FSDO Inspector

When: July 15, 2013

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Elliot said the inspectors in the Rapid City FSDO did a tremendous job helping out. They performed a postaccident examination of the airplane and spoke to the pilot. The pilot told them that he thought he had the canopy latched before takeoff roll and then went on later to state that he likely did not get it completely latched and only thought it was secure. The inspectors examined the canopy latch and said it did seem to operate correctly with the exception of some slight resistance when locking the latch into the detent.

Mr. Elliot said he also spoke to the pilot, who provided a similar account of the accident.

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