

Aircraft landing incident eyewitness account
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In reference to N2374J on March 3, 2021

At approximately 3:15 PM on March 3, 2021 I personally witnessed said aircraft demonstrating a well stabilized approach to runway 25. Transition portion of approach appeared normal. Then as aircraft neared flare portion of landing the aircraft sank abruptly. Subsequent hard touchdown resulted in aircraft porpoising. Aircraft continued straight during first two oscillations then began to bank slightly left as next two oscillations developed. Pop was heard during fourth oscillation. Aircraft then initiated a go around procedure. It was then I noted the left main landing gear leg assembly was "dangling" from left wing underside of aircraft. Landing gear assembly departed aircraft shortly thereafter and was later found near departure end of runway 25.

After pilot established a safe climb I then contacted the pilot over VHF radio and we discussed fuel condition and a procedure for returning back for landing. Included video shows aircraft on final approach, touchdown, then sliding to a stop on south side of runway 25. Aircraft came to rest at 3:26 PM.

Airport conditions during incident were VFR with winds quartering from the south at approx 5 knots with occasional gusts.

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