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Subject: ERA24LA279 Memorandum of Record
Contact: Roberto Chang-Mera, pilot

The following information was received from Mr. Change-Mera in an e-mail correspondence received on August 12, 2024, at 1432 EDT in response to a written request for fueling and fuel pre-flight information:

I wouldn't know when it was the last time the airplane was fueled since I am not the owner or operator.

I did check for fuel level, the tanks in the Aventuras are translucent plastic type that sit behind the seats, you can just pull the seats down forwards and can visually inspect the level against the calibration markings that it has. I believe the gas level was at half tanks or slightly below, way more needed for a 10 min test flight.

I did not sump for gas as there is no way to check for gas in the Aventuras, but I have had water in the system before in other Aventuras due to sitting outside after multiple storms and immediately after start up the RPM's will act erratically and never stabilize or even get worse, which I did not experience during the run up the day of the accident.