



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Person Contacted: John M. Stinson (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20CA265

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation conducted over the telephone with the individual named above:

- The airplane had just been released from maintenance, and the purpose of flight was to see how the airplane operated, post-maintenance.
- After takeoff, he had just raised the gear and felt an “intermittent shudder” from the engine. All six cylinders appeared to be functioning normally on the engine instrument gauge. He decided to return to land immediately, and when the power was reduced, the engine sounded and functioned normal for the remainder of the flight.
- The landing touchdown was not hard. The airplane “sat down” on the left main landing gear first, and when it subsequently sat down on the right side, the airplane’s right wing impacted the runway. The airplane skidded off the runway and the gear collapsed.
- He stated he could not recall whether the “gear was down or not.”
- He recalled that abeam the runway numbers, on downwind in the traffic pattern, he put the landing gear down and added flaps.
- He could not recall whether there were 3-green down lights, but he could recall that the gear unsafe warning light did not illuminate during the flight.