

NTSB staff provides the following comments:

**Page 42, Section 3.1, paragraph a)**

Section 3.1, paragraph (a) states that a loss of control may have been caused by a failure in the horizontal stabilizer. There is no factual data that supports this conclusion. The results of the horizontal stabilizer component examinations indicate no evidence of pre-existing damage, corrosion, or fatigue, and the fracture surfaces on the actuator were indicative of overstress failure as a result of impact. Further, this conclusion is contradicted in section 3.4 which states the probable cause of the accident was “loss of flight control of the aircraft for undetermined causes.”