

Cessna 404, Damaged Elevator Mount Brackets ATA na

"While this aircraft was tied down," says a submitter, "the control wheel was secured in the full up position with a seat belt—instead of the approved gust lock device. This (*ad hoc arrangement*) allowed the elevators to have some movement—high winds prior to the intended flight (*allowed the elevator*) to hammer its lower stop until the bracket's upper mounts failed.

"The pilot stated he conducted a flight control check prior to taxi—everything felt fine. It was not until the control surface (*incurred*) an air load that he discovered a problem and aborted the takeoff."



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(No P/N's were provided with this report. Red arrows are my insertions—Ed.)

Total Part Time: (Unknown)