

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

ACCIDENT TO SPORT VEGA GLIDER, BGA 2758, AT WORMINGFORD AIRFIELD ON 23 JUNE 2002
(GLIDER CRASHED THROUGH TREES INTO A FIELD)

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F38/2004
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OPERATOR : Private
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SYNOPSIS

(From AAIB Report)

This accident was the subject of an investigation conducted on behalf of the AAIB by the British Gliding Association (BGA). Further investigation, concerning the apparent failure of the pilot's restraint harness, was undertaken by the AAIB. A practice 'competition finish' was being attempted when the glider descended below tree top level but failed to climb again due to insufficient energy. The aircraft crashed through the upper branches of the trees and came to rest in a field. The pilot was released from his harness during the impacts. He sustained serious injuries and the aircraft was damaged beyond economic repair.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

The one Safety Recommendation, made by the AAIB following their investigation, is reproduced below, together with the CAA's response.

Recommendation 2004-46

The British Gliding Association should review the document 'Maintenance of seat harnesses and belts' so as to reflect best industry practice and to provide clearer guidance for airworthiness inspection.

CAA Response

This Recommendation is not addressed to the CAA.

CAA Status - Closed