Safety Regulation Group Safety Information and Data Department



Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

ACCIDENT TO BEECH 76 DUCHESS, G-BMJT, NEAR TO BELFAST CITY AIRPORT ON 10 APRIL 2005
(AIRCRAFT CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKE-OFF)

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F7/2006

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OPERATOR : Private

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SYNOPSIS

(From AAIB Report)

The aircraft took off from Belfast (City) Airport and the landing gear was retracted. Witnesses heard a sound similar to that of a reduction in engine power and shortly afterwards the aircraft turned to the left. It failed to gain any further height, struck some trees and crashed into a sports field, coming to rest against a substantial steel mesh fence. There was an immediate fire. The pilot escaped from the aircraft unassisted but suffered severe burns.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

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

Recommendation 2005-138

It is recommended that the FAA, in collaboration with Hartzell, ensure that all Hartzell propellers in service that are fitted with part A-1590 pitch locks should have these replaced by part B-317 or B-318 pitch locks, as appropriate, at the next overhaul.

CAA Response

This Recommendation is not addressed to the CAA.

CAA Status - Closed