

Interim Investigation Report

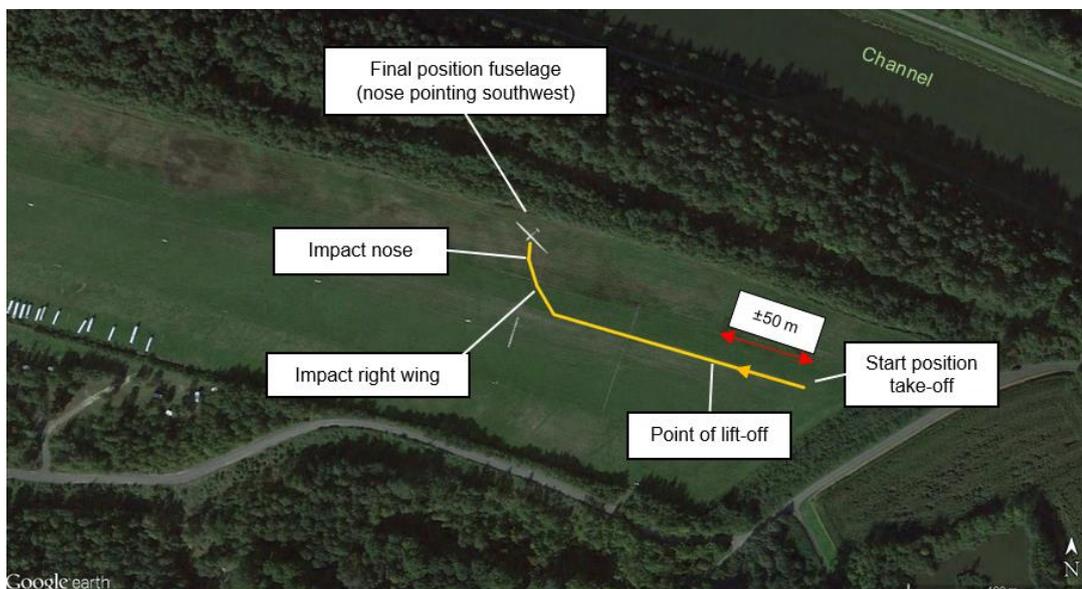
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SYNOPSIS

Classification:	Serious incident
Date and time:	18 July 2015 at 10:48 UTC
Aircraft:	Lithuanian Aero Club LAK-17 AT, powered sailplane
Operator:	Private
Accident location:	Aerodrome of Maubray (EBTY)
Type of flight:	Glider – Cross country
Phase:	Lift-off phase of the winch launch
Persons on board:	1
Injuries:	Pilot seriously injured

Abstract

The winch launch just started when the sailplane took an extreme pitch-up attitude and stalled on its right-hand wing. The sailplane impacted the grass ground next to the runway with a steep angle. The pilot was seriously injured.



Damage to aircraft.

The aircraft is totally destroyed

Safety issue identified:

Although a very experienced glider pilot, lack of experience and training on winch launches

Progress of investigation

AAIU (Be) has gathered all operational and engineering information and is finalizing the investigation. A standard investigation report will be published within the next months.

About this interim report

This interim report is released in accordance with Regulation (EU) no 996/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010. The regulation states that if the final report cannot be made public within 12 months, the safety investigation authority shall release an interim statement at least at each anniversary of the accident or serious incident, detailing the progress of the investigation and any safety issues raised.

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