

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

**ACCIDENT TO ASK13 GLIDER, FWN, AT BOOKER, WYCOMBE AIR PARK ON 6 AUGUST 2004
(GLIDER CRASHED AFTER AIRCRAFT TOW ABORTED)**

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SYNOPSIS

(From AAIB Report)

The accident occurred during a 'trial lesson'. The glider was a tandem seat aircraft and the instructor gave a standard brief to his passenger, which included procedures for handing over control and when the student would be invited to take over control. The importance of the student staying away from the controls at other times was emphasised. The student had a camera with him which he placed on the floor between his feet.

The launch was conducted using a tug aircraft and the take off proceeded normally. Soon after the glider became airborne the instructor noticed that he was unable to move the control column forward. The student confirmed that he was not touching the controls. The glider continued to climb at an increasingly steep angle. As the tug pilot noticed the increasing force on the tow rope he released the tow.

The glider was seen to rise steeply to about 100 feet and enter a descending turn to the left. The instructor managed to level the wings and as the glider pitched up again it struck the ground, bounced and became airborne and then finally struck the ground in an almost vertical attitude left wing first. Both occupants were seriously injured.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

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

Recommendation 2005-77

It is recommended that the British Gliding Association reinforce the message that there must be no loose articles in aircraft when they are being flown.

CAA Response

This Recommendation is not addressed to the CAA.

CAA Status - Closed