

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

**ACCIDENT TO PTERODACTYL PTRAVELLER, G-MBLN, NEAR WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS ON 11 DECEMBER 2004
(MICROLIGHT CRASHED DURING PERMIT CHECK FLIGHT)**

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F33/2005
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OPERATOR : Private
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SYNOPSIS

(From AAIB Report)

During a Check Flight for revalidation of a Permit to Fly the aircraft entered a left turn at about 150 ft agl, the angle of bank increased and the nose pitched down; the aircraft then impacted the ground. The manner in which the flight was conducted had caused concern to witnesses before the accident. Investigations revealed that the pilot had made claims of experience to the British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA) in order to obtain ongoing qualification as a Check Pilot, that were not substantiated by evidence in his log book.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

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

Recommendation 2005-67

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority should conduct a thorough review of the manner in which Permit to Fly renewals are carried out by the British Microlight Aircraft Association, to ensure that persons involved in Check Flying are appropriately experienced and qualified, and receive relevant training and guidance.

CAA Response

The CAA accepts this recommendation.

The CAA will conduct a thorough review of the manner in which Permit to Fly renewals are carried out by the British Microlight Aircraft Association, to ensure that persons involved in Check Flying are appropriately experienced and qualified, and receive relevant training and guidance. The CAA will complete this review by 31 December 2005.

CAA Status - Open