

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

ACCIDENT TO VANS RV-9A, G-CCZT, AT BICESTER AIRFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE ON 16 APRIL 2006

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F12/2007
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OPERATOR : Private
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SYNOPSIS

From AAIB Report:

Whilst initiating the landing flare the dual cockpit control stick became disconnected from the flying control system and the aircraft pitched nose down and impacted the grass runway damaging the nose landing gear, propeller and engine mountings and cowling.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

The two Safety Recommendations made by the AAIB following their investigation are reproduced below together with the CAA's responses.

Recommendation 2006-110

It is recommended to Van's Aircraft, the producer of the drawings and aircraft kits, that they modify their drawings for the RV-7, -7A, -9 and -9A models to introduce a positive attachment of the dual cockpit control stick to the aircraft's flying control system.

CAA Response

This Recommendation is not addressed to the CAA.

CAA Status - Closed

Recommendation 2006-111

It is recommended to Van's Aircraft, the producer of the drawings and aircraft kits, that they issue a Service Bulletin recommending to all owners of RV-7, -7A, -9 and -9A aircraft that they positively attach the dual control stick to the aircraft's flying control system.

CAA Response

This Recommendation is not addressed to the CAA.

CAA Status - Closed