

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

ACCIDENT TO EVANS VP-1 VOLKSPLANE, G-BFJJ, AT NR FARLEY FARM AIRFIELD, WINCHESTER ON 20 APRIL 2008

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F3/2009
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OPERATOR : Private
CAA OCCURRENCE NUMBER : 2008/03777
AAIB REPORT : 2/2009

SYNOPSIS

From AAIB Report:

The aircraft took off from a farm strip at its maximum authorised weight. It then flew over a small valley and encountered a down draught. The pilot considered that the aircraft might not clear the far side of the valley so he commenced a forced landing. During the forced landing the right undercarriage leg collapsed and the right wing came into contact with the ground. The aircraft structure failed where the pilot's shoulder harness was attached to the airframe and the pilot sustained minor head injuries.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

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

Recommendation 2009-001

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority, in conjunction with the Light Aircraft Association, review the design of the shoulder harness attachment on the Evans VP-1 to ensure that the pilot is adequately restrained in the event of an accident.

CAA Response

The CAA accepts this Recommendation and, in conjunction with the Light Aircraft Association, has reviewed the design of the shoulder harness attachment on the Evans VP-1 and considers that the existing design is adequate.

This aircraft type has accumulated a significant service history in which the adequacy of the design of the shoulder harness attachment, to restrain the pilot in the event of an accident, has not been a cause for concern.

CAA Status - Closed