



Civil Aviation Authority
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Safety Risk of Flying a Touring Motor Glider Without a TMG Class Rating

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	Owners and pilots of Touring Motor Gliders (TMG) Declared Training Organisations(DTOs) & Registered Training Facilities (RTFs)
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Pilots, All Instructors, All Examiners

1 Introduction

- 1.1 There have been a number of recent accidents and incidents involving Touring Motor Gliders, where the pilot has not had the required TMG Class Rating attached to their licence.

An aircraft should never be flown unless the pilot has the appropriate licence and rating. The consequences of this can be fatal.

- 1.2 While a Touring Motor Glider (TMG), may appear to be similar to a Single Engine Piston aeroplane (SEP), the controls, handling and performance characteristics can be different.

2 Scope

- 2.1 The CAA is keen to remind all pilots and owners of TMGs that these aircraft should only be flown by licensed pilots with a current TMG Class Rating, as set out in EASA's Aircrew Regulations.

The SEP Class Rating does not include TMG privileges to fly as pilot in command

- 2.2 Training courses for TMG Ratings are available at training facilities throughout the UK and Europe. More information is available at <https://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Learning-to-fly/Finding-a-flight-school/>

3 Queries

- 3.1 Any queries as a result of this Safety Notice should be e-mailed to the following address FSTechnicalSupportTeam@caa.co.uk

4 Cancellation

- 4.1 This Safety Notice shall remain in force until further notice.