

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

**SERIOUS INCIDENT TO EMB-145EP, G-SAJK, & CESSNA P210N, G-CDMH,
AT SOUTHEND AIRPORT, ON 07 AUGUST 2019**

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F2/2020
FACTOR PUBLICATION DATE : 02 April 2020
TYPE OF FLIGHT : G-SAJK - Commercial Air Transport (Passenger)
: G-CDMH - Private
CAA OCCURRENCE NUMBER : 201917504
AAIB REPORT : EW/C2019/08/03

SYNOPSIS

From the AAIB report

An Embraer 145 landing at London Southend Airport ran over a general aviation towbar which had been dropped on the runway. No damage was caused to the aircraft. The investigation found that the towbar had fallen from a Cessna 210 which departed Southend Airport 30 minutes before. The Cessna pilot had likely been distracted during his pre-flight checks by an earlier road traffic incident in which he was involved, and had inadvertently left the towbar attached.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

Safety Recommendation 2020-004

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority communicate to the general aviation community the importance of increasing the visibility of ground equipment.

CAA Response

The CAA accepts this Recommendation. The CAA is working with the General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo) to highlight the need for thorough pre-flight external checks and will include this as part of the GASCo Safety Campaign for 2020. The CAA will require GASCo to highlight this incident at their Winter 2020/2021 GA Safety Evenings and recommend that pilots/owners enhance the visibility of their tow bars.

CAA Status - Open

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