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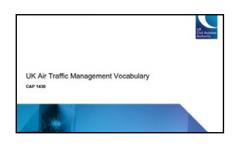
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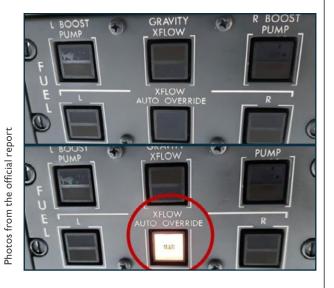


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Overhead Panel Mis-Selection is a Bigger Problem at Night Than in Daylight

On 29 November 2021, a crew which had just taken off from San Diego at night were presented with a fuel imbalance indication. The imbalance slowly increased until, once level at FL340, a further annunciation indicated that the maximum permitted



imbalance had been reached. Actioning the corresponding checklist did not resolve the problem so procedurally recommended shutdown of the low fuel side engine was performed followed by a MAYDAY diversion to Los Angeles. The imbalance was attributed to inadvertent crew selection of 'gravity crossflow' prior to takeoff instead of the immediately adjacent 'crossflow auto override'.

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A321 Neo Tail Strike Landing

On 30 August 2023, an Airbus A321 Neo approached runway 01R at Washington Dulles. It was stable through the 1000' and 500' gates and the surface wind 310/15G19kt. The aircraft was a quarter dot above the glideslope at 120' and the FO acting as PF, applied a nose-down input to correct the path, which, combined with a loss of headwind, led to a rate of descent of -976fpm. At 50' the captain called 'pitch' and at 40' a pitch up input reduced the rate of descent to 150fpm. The aircraft touched down with a +1.6 G vertical load factor and at a pitch angle of + 7.5°. Only one of the three Spoiler Elevator Computers (SEC) sensed both main gear on the ground the consequence of which was partial deployment of 3 out of 5 spoilers on each wing. This also inhibited the ground spoiler compensation, which would have initiated an automatic nosedown elevator order. The aircraft bounced to three feet.

During the bounce, possibly due to startle reflex, the pitch angle increased beyond the tailstrike limit (9.7°) to 10.1 degrees, resulting in a tailstrike on the second touchdown. The 'Pitch, Pitch' warning activated but did not annuciate because the 'Retard, Retard' call out took priority. The Commander took control and initiated a go-around. The tailstrike checklist was not actioned because the crew was unaware of the strike. Cabin crew were also not trained to recognise or report such events. Two cabin crew members reported minor injuries, and the aircraft sustained substantial damage to the aft fuselage.

The operator introduced tailstrike awareness and identification training for cabin crew. Enhanced simulator training for pilots, with tailstrike awareness, go-arounds near the ground, aircraft mishandling and recovery, updated descent preparation guidance to include variant-specific tailstrike awareness and activated auto-callouts and Pitch Limit Indicators across the A320 fleet.

Airbus will change the system logic to enhance spoiler compensation even when only partial SEC validation occurs. AAIU Report.

HEATHROW

London Heathrow Third Runway

The proposal for the expansion of Heathrow airport can be found here.

A website dedicated to the expansion of Heathrow with more information on the proposal, including images of the proposed new runway layout,

Expanding Heathrow

EASA

Conflict Zone Information Bulletins UPDATED

EASA has updated the following conflict zone advisories: Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russian Federation, Sudan and Iran.

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In this edition a PA28 flew beneath a glider.

"There were two cables attached to the glider at the time the PA-28 passed below it — one for the launch and one to retrieve the cable back to the launch point when it was on the ground.

It's a salutary lesson that flight in the vicinity of glider sites needs to be carefully thought through during pre-flight planning. Of course, gliding sites are, usually, in Class G airspace and do not have any 'protection' around them (such as an ATZ), so there is definitely no requirement to avoid them.

However, flying close to a glider site increases the likelihood of encountering gliders, and transiting below the maximum winch-launch altitude adds a further hazard – the cable (or, in this case, cables).

Read more: AIRPROX Insight June 2025





Photo by Robert NTSB

Ground Collision Cessna 560 & Vehicle

The flight crew of the business jet was taxiing from the ramp to the runway at night after receiving their departure clearance. As they transitioned from the ramp area to the taxiway, they were crossing a non-licensed vehicle roadway (NLVR). A vehicle traveling along the NLVR collided with the nose of the airplane, substantially damaging the forward portion of the fuselage. The driver of the vehicle stated that she was aware of the signage requiring vehicles to yield to aircraft, and that when she didn't see an aircraft as she approached the intersection, she continued to drive. She further described that it was dark and raining, but not foggy, and that it was difficult to see. She did not realize that the vehicle had struck the airplane until after the collision, and when she looked back after coming to a stop, she saw the airplane and its illuminated wingtip lights. She further stated that she had not anticipated encountering an airplane at that time of the morning, had become complacent, and that she should have been more observant.

Probable Cause and Findings

The vehicle driver's inadequate visual lookout while driving on a non-licensed vehicle roadway in restricted visibility conditions, which resulted in a collision with a taxiing airplane.

NTSB Report

CAA SKYWISE

UK Wake Turbulence Categorisation Database

The CAA has published an amended version of its Wake Turbulence categorisation database. The database should be used by ATC service providers in conjunction with the wake turbulence categories in Appendix B to the MATS Part I (CAP 493) to determine the required wake turbulence separation.

Version 7 of the database is effective on publication and can be found on our UK Wake Turbulence categories webpage.

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EASA

Annual Safety Recommendations Review 2025

The 2025 edition of the Annual Safety Recommendation Review provides an overview of the activities carried out in 2024 by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in response to safety recommendations, as well as a comparison with historical data. This review also highlights a range of safety issues and safety improvement actions that will be of interest to the European aviation community and the wider public.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCERS

Offshore Helidecks and Facilities

This Report forms part of IOGP's Oil and Gas Aviation Recommended Practices (OGARP). The OGARP, developed in collaboration between oil and gas companies, aviation industry associations, and aircraft operators, provides a framework for effective management of key material risks to the safety of personnel. This Report, covering the operation of offshore commercial helicopter operations, covers five subject areas: design, maintenance, operations, personnel and contracting. These are further divided into sections covering the main activities associated with the delivery of aviation services to include technical elements. Each element is presented with a Title, Purpose, Expectations, and Recommended Processes and Practices. A "responsible party" for each element is identified.

Summary of significant changes from the previous version:

- Helideck inspection reports to be retained by the owner of the installation.
- Greater detail on the positioning and orientation of helidecks.
- A recommendation that helideck cameras are able to be viewed remotely from control rooms/radio rooms/bridges.
- A recommendation that modifications to helidecks are made to the latest requirements.
- A recommendation that weather information for NUIs may be provided by suitably equipped installations if they are within 10 miles of the installation.
- A recommendation that passenger baggage is confirmed not to contain prohibited items.
- Safety briefings are conducted in the primary language of the region and in dual languages where necessary.
- A recommendation that recurrent training includes participation in helideck ERPs.

- A recommendation that cargo manifests identify Dangerous Goods.
- Corrections to the recommended sizes of lettering on helidecks and maximum height of equipment on the helideck at the Sizes/Dimensions in Appendix A.

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Offshore helidecks and facilities





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Not Just Fatigue - Operationally Ready and Fit for Duty

'Imagine Football Teams not Caring About their Players' Fitness. Imagine that Real Madrid decide not to care about the preparation of their start striker Kylian Mbappe. They don't care how much sleep he had the night before, or whether he's rested properly since the last game. They don't care what he's eaten before the match, how he's been looking after his physical and mental fitness or what he's been doing in the hours before the game. Get out there Kylian and just do the best you can.

Such a situation is impossible to consider. Football teams want their whole team to be able to perform like finely tuned machines, so they have the best chances of success. The same is true of us here at Safewings, and this is particularly relevant as we approach the busy summer season.' Read More.





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BUREAU D'ENQUETES ET D'ANALYSES

ATR 72 Hard Landing

On 4 April 2022, an ATR72-212A operated by Air Tahiti experienced a hard landing at Hiva-Oa-Atuona (French Polynesia). The crew chose to land on runway 20 due to wind conditions, but encountered severe turbulence and wind shear during final approach. The aircraft touched down hard, bounced and initiated a go-around. A pitch disconnect occurred due to simultaneous and opposing control inputs from the captain and first officer, leading to a temporary loss of coordinated control.

Contributing Factors

Contributing factors to the event were: a lack of reliable weather data, making it difficult for the crew to choose the safest runway; continuation of the approach despite not meeting stabilisation criteria in turbulence, exacerbated by Air Tahiti's criteria, that did not adequately account for steep approaches; a sudden shift from headwind to tailwind at 90 ft, causing a rapid loss of airspeed and increased descent rate and simultaneous control inputs. The captain's pitch-up input, unannounced, conflicted with the first officer's pitch-down input, triggering a pitch disconnect.

Safety Actions and Recommendations

In response to the event ATR incorporated "dual input" scenarios into type rating and command training programmes and planned updates to Operational Suitability Data (OSD) to include pitch uncoupling and prevention techniques.

Air Tahiti revised training to address steep approach stabilisation and dual input scenarios. Planned updates to operational manuals to better reflect approach-specific risks. The Polynesian Civil Aviation Directorate signed a service agreement with Météo-France for improved meteorological services at Nuku-Hiva. Plans to upgrade Hiva-Oa to service level N3 and improve AFIS and lighting systems. SEAC/PF added meteorological service issues to its local safety plan.

The BEA recommended improved meteorological services and that in the interim, DAC must ensure crews are aware that local weather data may be unreliable.

BEA Report.

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CAP 1430 – UK Air Traffic Management Vocabulary Edition 5

CAP 1430 UK Air Traffic Management Vocabulary Edition 5 is now available at www.caa.co.uk/cap1430. The effective date is 30 September 2025.

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CAA SKYWISE

UAS Operations at Test Sites

The UK CAA has published CAP3145 UAS Operations at Test Sites - Policy Concept, which outlines the framework for becoming a CAA Recognised Test Site and the process for UAS operators to obtain Operational Authorisations (OAs) at those sites.

The policy, based on UK SORA and utilising the standard UKSAS platform, aims to streamline authorisations for specific category UAS test operations. By reducing repeated site assessments, it significantly lowers the administrative burden on both operators and the CAA, while supporting the growth of safe, efficient UAS testing activity across the UK.

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CAA SKYWISE

Cost Sharing Flights - Guidance **Updated**

Recent amendments to the UK Air Operations Regulations (Regulation No 965/2012) regarding Cost Sharing rules will come into force on the 1st of October.

The CAA has published new information and guidance on their website, ahead of the amended rules coming into force. SW2025/232

FAA NPRM AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

B787 RAT Incorrect Titanium

The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing 787-9 and 787-10 airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reports of multiple supplier notices of escapement (NOEs) indicating that ram air turbine (RAT) forward fittings were possibly manufactured with an incorrect titanium alloy material. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

Docket Number: FAA-2025-1361





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BUREAU D'ENQUETES ET D'ANALYSES

Airbus Aircraft Equipped with the DRAIMS System - Three Incident Investigations Ongoing

2024

En route from Dublin to Bordeaux, the aircraft experienced a failure of the DRAIMS system. This led to loss of transponder and ACAS and degraded radio communication. The aircraft disappeared from radar and radio contact for several minutes. A loss of separation occurred with another aircraft, with 3.2 NM horizontal and 175 ft vertical separation. The crew re-established contact via emergency frequency 121.5 MHz and landed safely.

2. PH-YHA (Transavia A32Ineo) – 13 January 2025

En route from Granada to Amsterdam, the aircraft suffered repeated DRAIMS failures. Transponder codes changed erratically, Mode C was intermittently lost, and audio failed on the co-pilot's side. The crew could not change radio frequencies and declared "PAN PAN". Diverted to Bordeaux, where they landed using degraded navigation modes (TRK and FPA). On the return flight, the transponder malfunction persisted, and the aircraft was grounded.

3. PH-YHC (Transavia A32Ineo) – 29 April 2025

En route from Alicante to Amsterdam, the aircraft experienced DRAIMS-related failures. Transponder and radio issues led to loss of radar contact and inability to communicate effectively. The aircraft was refused entry into multiple airspaces and had to perform 360° turns to avoid conflicts. A near miss occurred with another aircraft

1. El-NSF (Aer Lingus A320neo) – 20 September with 3.9 NM horizontal and 1400 ft vertical separation. The aircraft was accepted by Amsterdam and landed safely.

Safety Issues Identified

- I. DRAIMS System Vulnerability A failure in the Audio Management Unit (AMU) component can cause erratic behaviour across multiple systems. Failures are unpredictable and evolve during flight, affecting safety-critical functions.
- 2. Loss of Safety Barriers: These incidents show that DRAIMS failures can compromise all safety barriers against mid-air collisions. TCAS and ATC safety nets become unavailable when transponders fail or switch to standby.
- 3. Inadequate Procedures: Existing procedures do not cover simultaneous radio and transponder failures. Controllers are not trained to handle dual failures in simulator exercises. Crew procedures rely on temporary bulletins (OEBs) until permanent fixes are implemented.
- 4. Emergency Frequency Limitations: Some control centres lacked transmission capability on 121.5 MHz.
- 5. Reliance on Flightradar24: Controllers used Flightradar24 during the EI-NSF incident, but its extrapolated data was misleading and did not reflect the aircraft's actual position.
- 6. Military Coordination: Military units can assist using primary radar and interception, but require explicit requests from civil controllers.

BEA Preliminary Report.

ANAC EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

ERJ 190 Engine Feed Check Valve - Inspections / Functional Test

A failure of the Engine Feed Check Valve has been identified following an occurrence in which the messages FUEL FEED FAULT and ENG FUEL LO PRESS were displayed on the Crew Alerting System (CAS), indicating a failure in the main engine fuel feed system. These valves are part of the fuel system of Embraer ERJ190-300 and ERJ190-400 aircraft.

Recent Accidents & Incidents from the Air Safety Network Wikibase

Date	Туре	Event	Location	
31-Jul-25	A320	On take-off roll a bird struck the F/O's windscreen post, continued.	San Antonio	
03-Aug-25	A32I	ATB, bird strike on departure.	Madrid	
30-Jul-25	A320	On approach to San Jose when it suffered a birdstrike.	San Jose-Juan	
30-Jul-25	A330-900	Diverted, FL370 encountered severe turbulence. Multiple occupants were injured. Large altitude variations reported.	Aspen	
03-Aug-25	ATR 72	The nose gear collapsed while preparing for departure.	Gran Canaria	
02-Aug-25	ATR 72	RTO, hit a dog during take-off.	Cox's Bazar	
01-Aug-25	B737-800	Experienced a no.2 engine fire warning. The crew decided to continue.	Rotterdam	
30-Jul-25	B737-800	Birdstrike on rotation at Berlin. The aircraft continued.	Berlin	
01-Aug-25	Bell 206B	Crashed during aerial spraying.	London, ON	
27-Jul-25	Bell 206B	The helicopter struck power lines, damaging the main rotor blades and tail boom.	North Bend	
31-Jul-25	Bell 47G	Crashed in a hay field due to fuel exhaustion.	Belle Plaine	
29-Jul-25	B737 MAX8	During take-off a bird hit the captain's main windscreen.	Kastrup	
28-Jul-25	B737-800	ATB due a failure in the pressurization system causing a loss in cabin pressure.	Hidalgo	
28-Jul-25	B737-800	CFU-BHX. Diverted to East Midlands Airport (EMA) with a punctured tyre.	East Midlands	
30-Jul-25	B777-200	ATB, experienced smoke in the cabin after departure.	Near London	
29-Jul-25	B777-300	After landing, stopped on a taxiway and an evacuation was carried out. Smoke was observed coming from the landing gear.	Antalya	
28-Jul-25	C525A	Struck a bird when landing.	McGhee Tyson	
30-Jul-25	AS350B	Fighting a forest fire, contacted a tree when landing.	São Jorge	
29-Jul-25	EC135	Crashed into the Mulde river while conducting military low flying training, including flying under bridges and cables.	Grimma	
30-Jul-25	H 850XP	Lost a tyre and suffered a left main gear collapse upon landing.	Toronto	
31-Jul-25	Phenom	TWYEXC, taxiing from hangar to the run-up area when it left the taxiway into the grass, reporting no brakes.	Dallas Love	

Safety Conference Calendar

Year	Month	Day(s)	Org	Event	Location	Notes
2025	Jul/Aug	30th - Ist	NTSB	Investigative Hearing Washington DC Mid Air	Online	
2025	Aug	27 th – 28 th	EASA	Artificial Intelligence in Aviation	Cologne	Hybrid
2025	Sep	I O th	UKFSC	472 nd SIE	Online	
2025	Sep	10th - 11th	AAPA	Asia Pacific Aviation Safety Seminar 2025	Manila	
2025	Sep	15 th — 17 th	UKFSC	FSO Course	Gatwick	
2025	Sep	17th - 18th	Acron	Acron Aviation Customer Safety Seminar	MBW, Weybridge	
2025	Sep	23rd	EASA	Ground Handling Implementation Webinar	Online	
2025	<u>Sep</u>	23rd-24th	EURO- CONTROL	Just Culture Conference	Ljubljana	
2025	Ѕер	25th	CAA	Ground Handling Regulation Workshops	London	
2025	Sep/Oct	29 th – 4th	ISASI	ISASI 2025 - Soaring to New Heights: A World of Innovation	Denver, Colorado	
2025	Sep/Oct	30th - 1st	EASA	SAFE 360° Safety in Aviation Forum Europe	Cologne	
2025	Oct	6 th - 7 th	SAE	Defence Aviation Safety Conference	London	
2025	Oct	8th	RAeS	RAeS Mental Health in Aerospace Awareness Event	RAeS HQ, London	
2025	Oct	I4th	EURO- CONTROL	Advancing Safety Management through pro-active weak signal detection	Webinar 1400-1530 CET	
2025	Oct	14 th -16 th	IATA	World Safety and Operations Conference	Xiamen, China	
2025	Oct	22nd	Met Off	2025 Met Office Aviation User Forum	Met Office, Exeter	
2025	Oct	23rd	CAA	Ground Handling Regulation Workshops	Edinburgh	
2025	Oct	28th	EASA	Ramp (SAFA/SACA) Inspection Forum 2025	Brussels	
2025	Nov	4 th - 6 th	FSF	78th International Aviation Safety Summit	Lisbon, Portugal	
2025	Nov	6th	вна	BHA Annual Safety Day info@britishhelicopteras- sociation.org	Cranfield University	
2025	Nov	10 th - 12 th	UKFSC	FSO Course	Gatwick	
2025	Nov	11 th – 13 th	Bombar- dier	29 th Bombardier Safety Standdown	Wichita, Kansas	
2025	Nov	12th - 13th	EASA	EASA Annual Safety Conference 2025	Copenhagen	
2025	Nov	17th -20th	EASA	Rotorcraft Symposium and European Rotors 2025	Cologne	
2025	Nov	19th	RIN	4th Annual UK PNT Leadership Seminar	London	
2025	Nov	27th	CAA	Ground Handling Regulation Workshops	Manchester	
2025	Dec	2nd	UKFSC	473rd SIE	Online	
2025	Dec	2nd	EASA	Ground Handling Implementation Webinar	Online	