

ACCIDENT

involving the motorised glider registered D-KCDG

D-KCDG OF 2 JULY 1999

Event:	Collision with terrain.
Probable cause:	Low altitude stall.

Consequences and damage: Pilot killed, aircraft destroyed.

Type of aircraft: Glaser-Dirks DG 800 B single-seat motorised glider.

Date and time: Friday 2 July 1999 at 14 h 20.

Owner: Private.

Place: Bessans (73), Charbonnel Point, altitude 3220 metres.

Type of flight: Local.

Persons on board: Pilot.

Licenses and experience: Pilot, 55, VV issued by Germany, around 1500 flying hours of which 590 on type and 25 in the previous month

Meteorological conditions: Estimated at the site: wind WNW / 20 to 25 kt, scattered cloud, visibility from 15 to 25 km, good updraughts no noticeable turbulence, isotherm 0 °C towards 4100 metres.

Circumstances

Two gliders including the Glaser-Dirks left Fayence around 11 h 15 bound for Val d'Aoste. Around 14 h 20, when they were west of Charbonnel Point, the pilot of the glider flying above the Glaser-Dirks saw it begin to turn in spirals at low speed then begin to spin. After three spins, the glider came out of the spin in front of the rock face and hit the ground.

The witness stated that during the flight he had heard the pilot of the Glaser-Dirks mention the beginnings of a dissymmetrical stall which he had just countered.



