

ACCIDENT

involving the glider registered D-6929

D-6929 OF 4 JUNE 1999

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| Event: | Collision with trees. |
| Probable cause: | Incorrect assessment of aerology. |

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| Consequences and damage: | Glider destroyed. |
| Type of aircraft: | Rolladen-Schneider LS3A-17, single-seat glider. |
| Date and time: | Friday 4 June 1999 at 14 h 00. |
| Owner: | Private. |
| Place: | Mallefougasse (04), south slope of Mount Lure, altitude 700 metres. |
| Type of flight: | Local. |
| Persons on board: | Pilot. |
| Licenses and experience: | Pilot, 48, VV issued by Germany in 1992, about 650 flying hours, recent experience and on type unknown. |
| Meteorological conditions: | Estimated at the site: wind 330°/15 kt, CAVOK. |

Circumstances

The pilot was on the last day of a 2-week course led by a German instructor. While the glider was flying in the wind under Mount Lure, probably in an area of strong downdraughts, the pilot was unable to find an updraught which would enable him to return to Château-Arnoux-St Auban AD 8 km away. The pilot had to land in some trees.

