

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Scheibe SF28A, G-BARZ	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Limbach SL 1700-EAI piston engine	
<b>Category:</b>	1.3	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1973	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	4 July 2005 at 1010 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Taxiway Alpha, Lydd Airport, Kent	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Minor damage to right wing	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence (Motor Gliders)	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	65 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	800 hours (of which 450 were on type) Last 90 days - 19 hours Last 28 days - 12 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft, a 16 metre span low wing motor glider, was taxiing on Taxiway Alpha in preparation for taking off from Runway 21 at Lydd.

Located either side of the taxiway were two posts set in the ground amongst weeds approximately three feet high. The post on the left supported a sign, whilst the sign for the one on the right lay on the ground. As the

aircraft passed by, the right wing contacted the post on the right, which punctured the plywood skin of the aircraft's outer wing.

The Fire Officer at Lydd, who was at the airport at the time of the incident, reported that the signs are being replaced and that taxiing procedures are under review.