

**SERIOUS INCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Hawker Hunter F6.A, G-KAXF	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rolls-Royce Avon Mk 207 turbojet engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1956 (Serial no: S4/U/3361)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	14 May 2021 at 1030 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	St Athan Airport, Glamorgan	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Canopy damaged	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	57 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	7,000+ hours (of which 95 were on type) Last 90 days - 32 hours Last 28 days - 32 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

During the takeoff roll, the canopy transparency detached from its frame and slid rearwards. The pilot rejected the takeoff and returned to the apron without further incident.

The CAA reported that the failure was due to an abnormal weakness or fault which was not possible to see during normal servicing inspections. As no similar events were identified, no formal action will be taken. However, the event will be briefed at relevant industry forums and by surveyors during visits to ex-military Continuing Airworthiness Maintenance Organisations (CAMO).

The CAMO responsible for this aircraft, intends to introduce additional inspections and pressurisation checks to canopy assemblies within their fleet.