

Piper PA-46-350P (MODIFIED), G-HYZA, Anniversary Statement

News story

Piper PA-46-350P (MODIFIED), G-HYZA, near Cranfield Airport on 29 April 2021.



This statement provides an update on the AAIB investigation into an accident involving a Piper PA-46-350P (MODIFIED), registration G-HYZA, near Cranfield Airport on 29 April 2021.

G-HYZA was an electrically powered aircraft which was undertaking experimental flight tests, under E Conditions, Civil Aviation Publication 1220, when power to the electrical motors was lost. The loss of power occurred when, as part of the test procedure, the battery was selected OFF leaving the electrical motors powered by the hydrogen fuel cell.

A forced landing was carried out close to Cranfield Airport during which the aircraft was severely damaged. The draft report has been disseminated for consultation. Publication of the report is expected mid 2022.

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