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To: Owners of Airborne and Airborne Windsports series microlights

**Airworthiness Investigation Airborne XTS-912**

The CAA wishes to advise owners of Airborne and Airborne Windsports series microlights of progress in the investigation of an accident involving an Airborne XTS-912 microlight,

On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 ZK-DGZ appears to have broken up during cruising flight over Abel Tasman National Park, causing the deaths of both people onboard.

The investigation to date has shown that the aluminium alloy from which the wing leading edge spar was manufactured, may not have met the required material specifications.

CAA brings this to your attention because of the potential safety risk, should it be confirmed that problem exists on other aircraft of similar types.

The CAA is continuing to investigate this incident with the co-operation of the manufacturer and the Australian airworthiness authorities, and further advice will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Yours Faithfully

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