

ACCIDENT

involving the glider registered D-2967

Event:	Collision with trees on final turn.
Probable cause:	Late decision to return to the aerodrome.

Consequences and damage:	Pilot injured, aircraft severely damaged.
Type of aircraft:	Schempp Hirth "Nimbus 2" glider.
Date and time:	Tuesday 13 August 2002 at 16 h 45.
Owner:	Private.
Place:	Puimoisson (04) AD.
Type of flight:	Local.
Persons on board:	Pilot.
Licenses and experience:	Pilot, aged 58, VV issued in 1978 by Germany, 1,308 flying hours of which 226 on type, 15 in the previous three months, 15 in the previous thirty days and 3 h 40 in the previous 24 hours.
Meteorological conditions:	Estimated at the accident site: wind from the west sector 5 to 10 kt, CAVOK.

Circumstances

The pilot took off from Puimoisson aerodrome at 13 h 10. After a 3 h 35 flight, he returned to the departure field and positioned his glider for a tailwind landing on runway 26. Witnesses saw the glider on the final turn at a very low height. During this manoeuvre, the glider suddenly banked to the left. It was with this attitude that the left wing struck the trees. It struck the ground at about 600 m from the runway threshold.

The pilot had visited Puimoisson aerodrome once a year since 1999.

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Visual landing

Usage restreint
Restricted use

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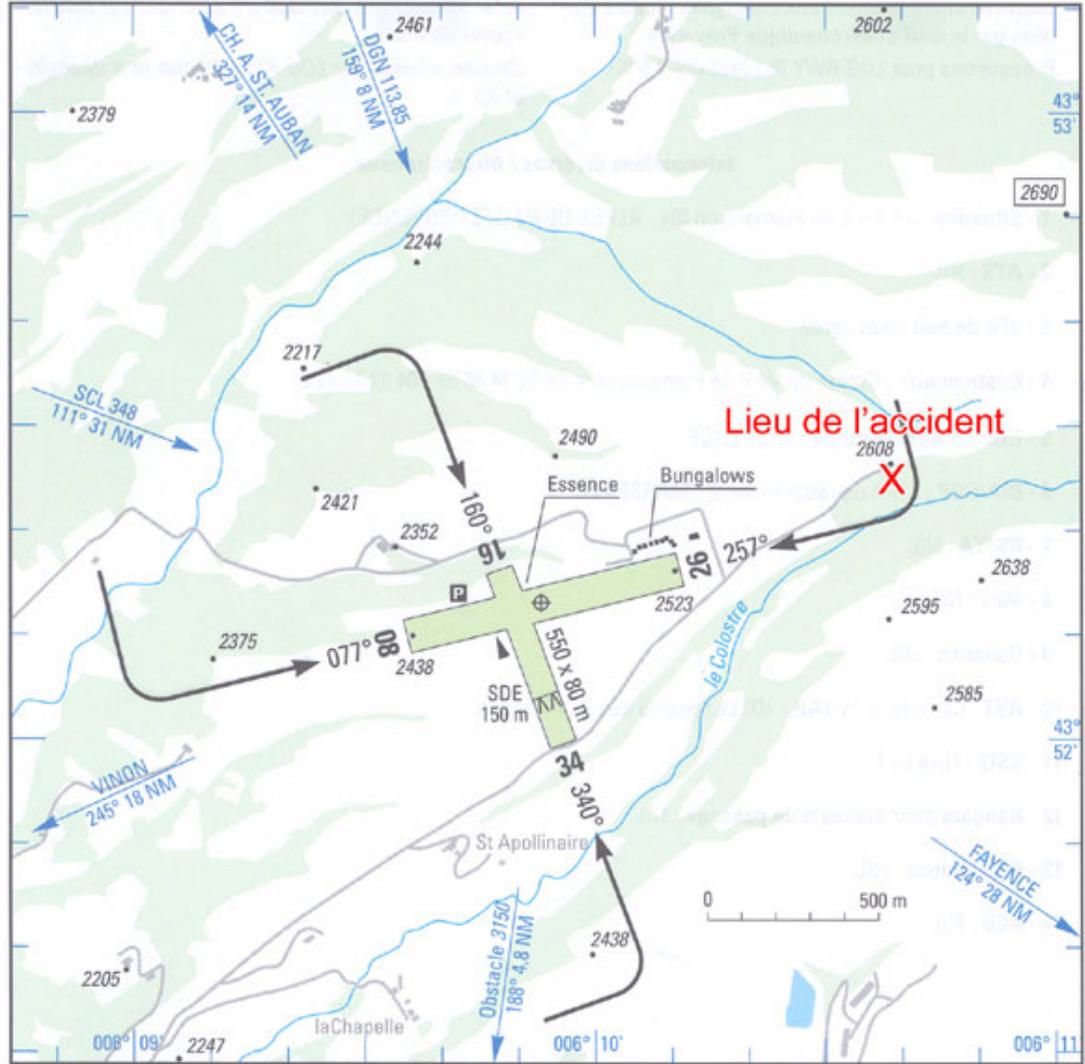
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Non WGS-84
ALT en ft
ALT AD : 2523 (88 hPa)



LAT : 43 52 13 N
LONG : 006 09 53 E
DEC : 0° (00)

APP : NIL
TWR : NIL



RWY	QFU	Dimensions Dimension	Nature Surface	Résistance Strength	TODA	ASDA	LDA
08	077	820 x 100	Non revêtue Unpaved	-	820	820	820
26	257				820	820	820

Aides lumineuses : NIL
Lighting aids : NIL

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