

Europa XS, G-CBWF

BULLETIN ADDENDUM	
AAIB File:	EW/G2003/09/27
Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa XS, G-CBWF
Date & Time (UTC):	25 September 2003 at 1345 hrs
Location:	Wombleton, near Pickering, Yorkshire
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form

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The aircraft in the above Bulletin was damaged during landing following a formation flying exercise involving other Europa aircraft. The commander for the flight was experienced in formation flying although he was not current on Europa aircraft. The aircraft owner sat in the right hand seat for the duration of the flight and took no part in flying the aircraft. He therefore considered himself to be a passenger and not crew.

Although the facts contained in the Bulletin were essentially correct, the owner has subsequently requested that the following information be added.

1. The owner did not request an experienced formation pilot; the event organisers informed him that he would not be allowed to participate unless such a pilot flew the aircraft. They then introduced him to the pilot who subsequently commanded the aircraft.
2. The owner was of the impression that the pilot to whom he had been introduced was experienced on Europa aircraft. He only learned that this was not the case several days after the accident.
3. After the formation exercise was completed, but before the aircraft returned to the departure airfield, the commander conducted a 'touch and go' landing at Kirbymoorside. This appeared to the aircraft owner to have been executed competently, which reinforced his impression of the commander being experienced on type.
4. On arriving in the circuit at Wombleton the commander asked the owner if he wished to carry out the landing. Whilst it is true that he (the owner) had not landed the aircraft from the right hand seat, he wanted to take the opportunity to carry on learning by watching what he assumed to be an experienced pilot. He then informed the commander that it made sense for him to complete the flight, and the commander seemed happy to land the aircraft.