



AIRWORTHINESS ALERT
ENGINEERING NEWS – UPDATE

SUBJECT: EVEKTOR EUROSTAR STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

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An accident report was issued in late October relating to the structural failure of a Danish-registered Eurostar Microlight in Switzerland. Concerns have been raised about the airworthiness of this very popular type, because sub-strength material was found in the accident aircraft's wing spar.

As there are over a hundred of these aircraft on the UK register, LAA Engineering are in discussion with the CAA Structures Department about the integrity of the Eurostar airframe. A meeting is to be held at CAA's Gatwick office next week to discuss the findings with the Evektor designers, UK agents Cosmik Aviation and our counterparts at the BMAA.

The Eurostar has a very good record of reliable use in the UK, nevertheless it will be necessary to understand the implications of the findings and be re-assured that UK registered Eurostars satisfy the design requirements. There is no intention to ground UK registered Eurostars at this time.