

Loss of Control - Inflight (LOC-I)

Accident Investigation
Preliminary Report and
Public Notice

Ozone Buzz Z5 Paraglider Shek O, Hong Kong

23 December 2021

01-2022

1. General Details

1.1. Occurrence details

Date and time:	23 December 2021 at 1350 hours (Note)	
Occurrence category:	Accident	
Primary occurrence type:	Loss of Control - Inflight (LOC-I)	
Location:	Shek O, Hong Kong	
Position:	22° 14' 9.18" N, 114° 14' 29.10" E	

1.2. Pilot details

Licence details:	Paraglide Tandem International Organisation (PGTI)
	Solo Pilot – Novice Paragliding Rating (SP-2)
Flying experience:	Approximately 200 hours

1.3. Aircraft details

Manufacturer and model:	Ozone Buzz Z5 Paraglider		
Serial number:	BZ5SS-15B-135		
Year of Manufacture:	2017		
Type of Operation:	Private		
Departure:	Dragon's Back, Shek O, Hong Kong		
Destination:	Shek O Beach, Shek O, Hong Kong		
Persons on board:	Crew – 1	Passengers – 0	
Fatalities:	1		
Injuries:	0		
Aircraft damage:	Nil.		

Note: All times are in Hong Kong Local Time, which is Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) plus eight hours.

2. Synopsis

- (1) At approximately 1347 hours on 23 December 2021, an Ozone Buzz Z5 paraglider took off from Dragon's Back, a paragliding activity area in Shek O, and planned to land on Shek O Beach in the south-eastern part of Hong Kong Island.
- (2) At approximately 1350 hours, the paraglider descended towards a bush area west of Shek O Peak.
- (3) The pilot, who was flying solo, was fatally injured from the accident.

3. Order of Investigation

- (1) The occurrence came to the Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA)'s knowledge on 23 December 2021. An on-site inspection / examination was carried out by the investigation team on the following day.
- (2) In accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B), the Chief Inspector classified this occurrence as an accident and ordered an investigation into its circumstances and contributing factors.

4. Investigation Progress and Completion

- (1) The investigation team conducted interview with the witness and collected flight data and weather information.
- (2) The investigation team is conducting detailed analysis of the data and information collected in order to determine the circumstances and causes of this accident in conjunction with identifying areas that need further investigation and/or lines of investigation to pursue.
- (3) The anticipated duration of this investigation is up to twelve months.

5. Preliminary Report

- (1) This preliminary report is published to communicate the information obtained during the initial phase of the ongoing investigation.
- (2) The purpose is to provide a brief update on how the investigation is progressing as well as a preliminary description of the sequence of events and if necessary disseminate safety issues identified at this early stage of the investigation.
- (3) During the further course of the investigation, should any safety recommendations be necessary, they will be promulgated immediately.
- (4) The information contained in this preliminary report is released in accordance with Cap. 448B, and is derived from the initial investigation of the occurrence.
- (5) Readers are cautioned that new evidence will become available, as the investigation progresses that will enhance AAIA's understanding of the accident. As such, no analysis or findings are included in this report.

6. Public Notice

This Report also serves as a public notice under Section 10(1) of Cap. 448B. Any person who wishes to make representation as to the circumstances or causes of the accident should do so by letter, facsimile, telephone, or email to the Chief Inspector (Address: Air Accident Investigation Authority, Level G, Facility Building, 1 Tung Fai Road, Hong Kong International Airport, Lantau, Hong Kong; Telephone: (+852) 2910 6133; Facsimile: (+852) 2910 6049 or Email: rwhlam@thb.gov.hk) within 14 days of this notice.

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