Flight test report

Manufacturer	**ADVANCE Thun AG**	**Certification number**	PG 128.2008
Address	Seestrasse 14	**Date of flight test**	08/02/2008
	3602 Thun	**Place of test**	Villeneuve
	Switzerland		
Representive	Eisenhut Kari	**Classification C**	
Type of glider	**Beta 4 42**		
Trimmer	**Open trimmer**		

Test Pilot	Claude Thurnheer	Alain Zoller
Harness	Advance Bi-pro 50 cm	Advance - Bi Pro 2
Total weight in flight	135 kg	225 kg

	Min weight		Max weight	
1. Inflation/Take-off				
Rising behaviour	Smooth, easy and constant rising	A	Smooth, easy and constant rising	A
Special take off technique required	No	A	No	A
2. Landing				
Special landing technique required	No	A	No	A
3. Speed in straight flight				
Trim speed more than 30 km/h	Yes	A	Yes	A
Speed range using the controls larger than 10 km/h	Yes	A	Yes	A
Minimum speed	25 km/h to 30 km/h	B	Less than 25 km/h	A
4. Control movement				
Max. weight in flight up to 80 kg				
Symmetric control pressure/travel	not available	0	not available	0
Max. weight in flight 80 kg to 100 kg				
Symmetric control pressure/travel	not available	0	not available	0
Max. weight in flight greater than 100 kg				
Symmetric control pressure/travel	Increasing, Greater than 65 cm	A	Increasing, Greater than 65 cm	A
5. Pitch stability exiting accelerated flight				
Dive forward angle on exit	not available	0	not available	0
Collapse occurs	not available	0	not available	0
6. Pitch stability operating controls during accelerated flight				
Collapse occurs	not available	0	not available	0
7. Roll stability and damping				
Oscillations	Reducing	A	Reducing	A
8. Stability in gentle spirals				
Tendency to return to straight flight	Spontaneous exit	A	Spontaneous exit	A
9. Behaviour in a steeply banked turn				
Sink rate after two turns	More than 14 m/s	B	More than 14 m/s	B
10. Symmetric front collapse				
Entry	Rocking back less than 45°	A	Rocking back less than 45°	A
Recovery	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s	B	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	A
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive foward 0°to 30°, Entering a turn less than 90°	A	Dive foward 0°to 30°, Keeping course	A
Cascade occurs	No	A	No	A
With accelerator				
Entry	not available	0	not available	0
Recovery	not available	0	not available	0
Dive forward angle on exit	not available	0	not available	0
Cascade occurs	not available	0	not available	0
11. Exiting deep stall (parachutal stall)				
Deep stall achieved	Yes	A	Yes	A
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	A	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	A
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0°to 30°	A	Dive forward 0°to 30°	A
Change of course	Changing course less than 45°	A	Changing course less than 45°	A
Cascade occurs	No	A	No	A
12. High angle of attack recovery				
Recovery	not available	0	not available	0
Cascade occurs	not available	0	not available	0
13. Recovery from a developed full stall				
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 30°to 60°	B	Dive forward 30°to 60°	B
Collapse	No collapse	A	No collapse	A
Cascade occurs (other than collapse)	No	A	No	A
Rocking back	Less than 45°	A	Less than 45°	A
Line tension	Most line tight	A	Most line tight	A
14. Asymmetric collapse				
With 50% collapse-Maximum dive forward or roll angle				
Change of course until re-inflation	Less than 90°, Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	A	Less than 90°, Dive or roll angle 0° to 15°	A
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	A	Spontaneous re-inflation	A
Total change of course	Less than 360°	A	Less than 360°	A
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	A	No	A
Twist occurs	No	A	No	A
Cascade occurs	No	A	No	A
With 75% collapse-Maximum dive forward or roll angle				
Change of course until re-inflation	180° to 360°, Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	C	not available	0
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	A	not available	0
Total change of course	Less than 360°	A	not available	0
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	A	not available	0
Twist occurs	No	A	not available	0
Cascade occurs	No	A	not available	0
With 50% collapse and accelerator-Maximum dive forward or roll angle				
Change of course until re-inflation	not available	0	not available	0
Re-inflation behaviour	not available	0	not available	0
Total change of course	not available	0	not available	0

	Collapse on the opposite side occurs	not available	0	not available	0
	Twist occurs	not available	0	not available	0
	Cascade occurs	not available	0	not available	0
	With 75% collapse and accelerator-Maximum dive forward or roll angle				
	Change of course until re-inflation	not available	0	not available	0
	Re-inflation behaviour	not available	0	not available	0
	Total change of course	not available	0	not available	0
	Collapse on the opposite side occurs	not available	0	not available	0
	Twist occurs	not available	0	not available	0
	Cascade occurs	not available	0	not available	0
15. Directional control with a maintained asymmetric collapse					
	Able to keep course	Yes	A	Yes	A
	180° turn away from the collapsed side possible in 10 s	Yes	A	Yes	A
	Amount of control range between turn and stall or spin	More than 50 % of the symmetric control travel	A	More than 50 % of the symmetric control travel	A
16. Trim speed spin tendency					
	Spin occurs	No	A	No	A
17. Low speed spin tendency					
	Spin occurs	No	A	No	A
18. Recovery from a developed spin					
	Spin rotation angle after release	Stops spinning in less than 90°	A	not available	0
	Cascade occurs	No	A	not available	0
19. B-line stall					
	Change of course before release	not available	0	not available	0
	Behaviour before release	not available	0	not available	0
	Recovery	not available	0	not available	0
	Dive forward angle on exit	not available	0	not available	0
	Cascade occurs	not available	0	not available	0
20. Big ears					
	Entry procedure	Dedicated controls	A	Dedicated controls	A
	Behaviour during big ears	Stable flight	A	Stable flight	A
	Recovery	Recovery through pilot action in less than a further 3 s	B	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s	B
	Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	A	Dive forward 0° to 30°	A
21. Big ears in accelerated flight					
	Entry procedure	not available	0	not available	0
	Behaviour during big ears	not available	0	not available	0
	Recovery	not available	0	not available	0
	Dive forward angle on exit	not available	0	not available	0
	Behaviour immediately after releasing the accelerator while maintaining big ears	not available	0	not available	0
22. Behaviour exiting a steep spiral					
	Tendency to return to straight flight	Spontaneous exit	A	Spontaneous exit	A
	Turn angle to recover normal flight	Less than 720°,spontaneous recovery	A	Less than 720°,spontaneous recovery	A
	Sink rate when evaluating spiral stability [m/s]	23 m/s		25 m/s	
23. Alternative means of directional control					
	180° turn achievable in 20 s	Yes	A	Yes	A
	Stall or spin occurs	No	A	No	A
24. Any other flight procedure and/or configuration described in the user's manual					
	Procedure works as described	not available	0	not available	0
	Procedure suitable for novice pilots	not available	0	not available	0
	Cascade occurs	not available	0	not available	0
Comments of test pilot					
	Comments	no		no	

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