



Flight test report: EN

Manufacturer	Flying Planet Sàrl	Certification number	PG_0587.2012
Address	19, Impasse du Pré du Buisson 74370 Argonay France	Date of flight test	18. 06. 2012
Representative	Michel Le Blanc	Place of test	Villeneuve
Glider model	Xpress3 42	Classification	C
Trimmer	yes: opened		

Test pilot	Thurnheer Claude	Berruex Gilles
Harness	Niviuk - Transat	Advance - Bi Pro 2
Total weight in flight (kg)	140	225

1. Inflation/Take-off	A			
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	A			
Special landing technique required	No	A	No	A
3. Speed in straight flight	B			
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	A			
<i>Max. weight in flight up to 80 kg</i>				
Symmetric control pressure / travel	not available	0	not available	0
<i>Max. weight in flight 80 kg to 100 kg</i>				
Symmetric control pressure / travel	not available	0	not available	0
<i>Max. weight in flight greater than 100 kg</i>				
Symmetric control pressure / travel	Increasing / greater than 65 cm	A	Increasing / greater than 65 cm	A
5. Pitch stability exiting accelerated flight	0			
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	0			
Collapse occurs	not available	0	not available	0
7. Roll stability and damping	A			
Oscillations	Reducing	A	Reducing	A
8. Stability in gentle spirals	A			
Tendency to return to straight flight	Spontaneous exit	A	Spontaneous exit	A
9. Behaviour in a steeply banked turn	B			
Sink rate after two turns	More than 14 m/s	B	More than 14 m/s	B
10. Symmetric front collapse	B			
Entry	Rocking back less than 45°	A	Rocking back less than 45°	A
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	A	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	A
Dive forward angle on exit / Change of course	Dive forward 0° to 30° / Keeping course	A	Dive forward 30° to 60° / Keeping course	B
Cascade occurs	No	A	No	A
<i>With accelerator</i>				
Entry	not available	0	not available	0

Recovery	not available	0	not available	0
Dive forward angle on exit / Change of course	not available	0	not available	0
Cascade occurs	not available	0	not available	0
11. Exiting deep stall (parachutal stall)	B			
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 30° to 60°	B
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	A			
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	A	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	A
Cascade occurs	No	A	No	A
13. Recovery from a developed full stall	B			
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	A	Dive forward 30° to 60°	B
Collapse	No collapse	A	No collapse	A
Cascade occurs (other than collapses)	No	A	No	A
Rocking back	Less than 45°	A	Less than 45°	A
Line tension	Most lines tight	A	Most lines tight	A
14. Asymmetric collapse	C			
<i>With 50% collapse</i>				
Change of course until re-inflation / Maximum dive forward or roll angle	Less than 90° / Dive or roll angle 0° to 15°	A	Less than 90° / Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	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
<i>With 75% collapse</i>				
Change of course until re-inflation / Maximum dive forward or roll angle	90° to 180° / Dive or roll angle 45° to 60°	C	90° to 180° / Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	B
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
<i>With 50% collapse and accelerator</i>				
Change of course until re-inflation / Maximum dive forward or roll angle	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
<i>With 75% collapse and accelerator</i>				
Change of course until re-inflation / Maximum dive forward or roll angle	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	A			
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	A			
Spin occurs	No	A	No	A
17. Low speed spin tendency	A			
Spin occurs	No	A	No	A
18. Recovery from a developed spin	A			
Spin rotation angle after release	Stops spinning in less than 90°	A	Stops spinning in less than 90°	A
Cascade occurs	No	A	No	A
19. B-line stall	A			
Change of course before release	Changing course less than 45°	A	Changing course less than 45°	A
Behaviour before release	Remains stable with straight span	A	Remains stable with straight span	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 30° to 60°	A
Cascade occurs	No	A	No	A
20. Big ears	A			
Entry procedure	Dedicated controls	A	Dedicated controls	A
Behaviour during big ears	Stable flight	A	Stable flight	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
21. Big ears in accelerated flight	A			
Entry procedure	Dedicated controls	A	Dedicated controls	A
Behaviour during big ears	Stable flight	A	Stable flight	A
Recovery	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 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
Behaviour immediately after releasing the accelerator while maintaining big ears	Stable flight	A	Stable flight	A
22. Behaviour exiting a steep spiral	C			
Tendency to return to straight flight	Spontaneous exit	A	Spontaneous exit	A
Turn angle to recover normal flight	Less than 720°, spontaneous recovery	A	720° to 1080°, spontaneous recovery	C
Sink rate when evaluating spiral stability [m/s]	16		14	
23. Alternative means of directional control	A			
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	0			
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
25. Comments of test pilot				
Comments	Der Gleitschirm kann bei Sinkwerten von mehr als 14m/sec in eine stabile Steilspirale geraten		The glider could be in neutrality spiral after more than 14m/sec	