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Flight test report



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Glider model Sigma 7 23 Classification C

Trimmer no

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Total weight in flight (kg)	60		80	
1. Inflation/Take-off	A			
Rising behaviour	Smooth, easy and constant rising	Α	Smooth, easy and constant rising	Α
Special take off technique required	No	Α	No	Α
2. Landing	Α			
Special landing technique required	No	Α	No	Α
3. Speed in straight flight	Α			
Trim speed more than 30 km/h	Yes	Α	Yes	Α
Speed range using the controls larger than 10 km/h	Yes	Α	Yes	Α
Minimum speed	Less than 25 km/h	Α	Less than 25 km/h	Α
4. Control movement	A			
Max. weight in flight up to 80 kg				
Symmetric control pressure / travel	Increasing / greater than 55 cm	Α	not available	0
Max. weight in flight 80 kg to 100 kg				
Symmetric control pressure / travel	not available	0	Increasing / greater than 60 cm	Α
Max. weight in flight greater than 100 kg				
Symmetric control pressure / travel	not available	0	not available	0
5. Pitch stability exiting accelerated flight	Α			
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward less than 30°	Α	Dive forward less than 30°	Α
Collapse occurs	No	Α	No	Α
6. Pitch stability operating controls during accelerated flight	Α			
Collapse occurs	No	Α	No	Α
7. Roll stability and damping	Α			
Oscillations	Reducing	Α	Reducing	Α
8. Stability in gentle spirals	Α			
Tendency to return to straight flight	Spontaneous exit	Α	Spontaneous exit	Α
9. Behaviour in a steeply banked turn	В			
Sink rate after two turns	More than 14 m/s	В	More than 14 m/s	В
10. Symmetric front collapse	В			
Entry	Rocking back less than 45°	Α	Rocking back less than 45°	Α
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Α	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s	В
Dive forward angle on exit / Change of course	Dive forward 0° to 30° / Keeping course	Α	Dive forward 0° to 30° / Keeping course	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
With accelerator				
Entry	Rocking back less than 45°	Α	Rocking back less than 45°	Α
Recovery	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s	В	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s	В

Dive forward angle on exit / Change of course	Dive forward 30° to 60° / Entering a turn of less than 90°	В	Dive forward 0° to 30° / Keeping course	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
11. Exiting deep stall (parachutal stall)	Α			
Deep stall achieved	Yes	Α	Yes	Α
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Α	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Α
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α
Change of course	Changing course less than 45°	Α	Changing course less than 45°	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
12. High angle of attack recovery	Α			
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Α	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
13. Recovery from a developed full stall	A			
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α
Collapse	No collapse	Α	No collapse	Α
Cascade occurs (other than collapses)	No	Α	No	Α
Rocking back	Less than 45°	Α	Less than 45°	Α
Line tension	Most lines tight	Α	Most lines tight	Α
14. Asymmetric collapse	В			
With 50% collapse				
Change of course until re-inflation / Maximum dive forward or roll angle	Less than 90° / Dive or roll angle 0° to 15°	Α	Less than 90° / Dive or roll angle 0° to 15°	Α
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	Α	Spontaneous re-inflation	Α
Total change of course	Less than 360°	Α	Less than 360°	Α
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	Α	No	Α
Twist occurs	No	Α	No	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
With 75% collapse				
Change of course until re-inflation / Maximum dive forward or roll angle	90° to 180° / Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	В	90° to 180° / Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	В
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	Α	Spontaneous re-inflation	Α
Total change of course	Less than 360°	Α	Less than 360°	Α
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	Α	No	Α
Twist occurs	No	Α	No	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
With 50% collapse and accelerator				
Change of course until re-inflation / Maximum dive forward or roll angle	Less than 90° / Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	Α	Less than 90° / Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	Α
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	Α	Spontaneous re-inflation	Α
Total change of course	Less than 360°	Α	Less than 360°	Α
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	Α	No	Α
Twist occurs	No	Α	No	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
With 75% collapse and accelerator				
Change of course until re-inflation / Maximum dive forward or roll angle	90° to 180° / Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	В	90° to 180° / Dive or roll angle 15° to 45°	В
Re-inflation behaviour	Spontaneous re-inflation	Α	Spontaneous re-inflation	Α
Total change of course	Less than 360°	Α	Less than 360°	Α
Collapse on the opposite side occurs	No	Α	No	Α
Twist occurs	No	Α	No	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
15. Directional control with a maintained asymmetric collapse	Α			
Able to keep course	Yes	Α	Yes	Α
180° turn away from the collapsed side possible in 10 s	Yes	Α	Yes	Α
Amount of control range between turn and stall or spin	More than 50 % of the symmetric control travel	Α	More than 50 % of the symmetric control travel	Α
16. Trim speed spin tendency	Α			
Spin occurs	No	Α	No	Α

17. Low speed spin tendency	Α			
Spin occurs	No	Α	No	Α
18. Recovery from a developed spin	С			
Spin rotation angle after release	Stops spinning in less than 90°	Α	Stops spinning in 90° to 180°	С
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
19. B-line stall	A			
Change of course before release	Changing course less than 45°	Α	Changing course less than 45°	Α
Behaviour before release	Remains stable with straight span	Α	Remains stable with straight span	Α
Recovery	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Α	Spontaneous in less than 3 s	Α
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α
Cascade occurs	No	Α	No	Α
20. Big ears	В			
Entry procedure	Dedicated controls	Α	Standard technique	Α
Behaviour during big ears	Stable flight	Α	Stable flight	Α
Recovery	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s	В	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s	В
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α
21. Big ears in accelerated flight	В			
Entry procedure	Dedicated controls	Α	Standard technique	Α
Behaviour during big ears	Stable flight	Α	Stable flight	Α
Recovery	Recovery through pilot action in less than a further 3 s	В	Spontaneous in 3 s to 5 s	Α
Dive forward angle on exit	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α	Dive forward 0° to 30°	Α
Behaviour immediately after releasing the accelerator while maintaining big ears	Stable flight	Α	Stable flight	Α
22. Behaviour exiting a steep spiral	Α			
Tendency to return to straight flight	Spontaneous exit	Α	Spontaneous exit	Α
Turn angle to recover normal flight	Less than 720°, spontaneous recovery	Α	Less than 720°, spontaneous recovery	Α
Sink rate when evaluating spiral stability [m/s]	16		14	
23. Alternative means of directional control	Α			
180° turn achievable in 20 s	Yes	Α	Yes	Α
Stall or spin occurs	No	Α	No	Α
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				