

**Accident occurred on 1 June 1997 at Jasseron (01)  
to the Cessna 172 "Skyhawk 2" registered D-EGLD**

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Event:	Collision with high ground
Cause	established: Loss of visual references in IMC.

Consequences and damage: Four injured, aircraft destroyed.

Type of aircraft: Cessna 172 "Skyhawk 2".

Date and time: Wednesday 1 June 1997 at 09 h 30.

Operator: Club.

Place: Jasseron (01), altitude 1,340 feet.

Type of flight: Trip.

Persons on board: Pilot + 3.

Qualifications and experience: Pilot aged 28, TT issued in 1988 in Germany.

Meteorological conditions: Estimated at Ambérieu (altitude 823 feet): visibility 3 to 4 km avec heavy rainfall. BKN Stratus between 650 and 1,000 feet, SCT Stratocumulus between 2,300 and 2,600 feet, OVC Altostratus at 9800 feet.

#### Circumstances

The airplane took off from Lyon Bron bound for Germany under VFR conditions. After 45 minutes flight, the aircraft turned around, looking for the field at Bourg Ceyzériat and crashed in the forest, in the foothills of the Jura, a few kilometers from the aerodrome.

At the time of the accident, the surrounding hills were shrouded in clouds. A witness saw the airplane come out of and then go into the clouds a few seconds before the impact.

The aircraft, equipped with a GPS, was found in approach configuration. Before departure, the pilot had picked up the weather forecasts for Metz-Nancy-Lorraine aerodrome and some German fields.