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ACCIDENT OF 1 OCTOBER - BEA UPDATE

(FRENCH CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY INVESTIGATION AUTHORITY)

Elixir Aircraft continues to work alongside the BEA and the relevant authorities on the analysis initiated following the accident that occurred during a production test flight on 1 October 2026 in Rochefort.

BEA Update

The update published by the BEA on 8 October 2026 states that, during the final turn of a low-altitude circuit, the left flap detached from the aircraft, resulting in a loss of control, followed by the deployment of the emergency parachute at low altitude.
After three days of investigation, no evidence has yet established the reasons that led to the detachment of the left flap. The circumstances and causes of this event therefore remain to be determined.
Elixir Aircraft remains fully committed and continues to work in close cooperation with the BEA to contribute to a full understanding of the accident.

Elixir Aircraft pays tribute to Antoine and Edgar

The Elixir Aircraft teams will gather on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Globe de la Francophonie, avenue Michel Crépeau at the entrance to La Rochelle's Old Port, to pay tribute to Antoine and Edgar, their fellow pilots who lost their lives in the aircraft accident that occurred on October 1 in Rochefort.
This gathering is open to the public, and especially to all those who knew or worked alongside Antoine and Edgar and wish to honor their memory.
On this occasion, the entire Elixir Aircraft team wishes to stand alongside their families and express its deepest affection and support.

Investigation and precautionary measures

Pending the conclusions of the investigation, Elixir Aircraft remains fully committed to cooperating with the relevant authorities and continues to provide them with its full support.
The grounding of the fleet, comprising approximately 60 Elixir aircraft operating in five countries, was initiated by Elixir Aircraft. On October 2, Elixir Aircraft issued an *Alert Service Bulletin* to operators, calling for the aircraft to be grounded from October 3 until further notice. This decision was taken by the manufacturer as a precautionary measure.
The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) also issued an *Emergency Airworthiness Directive* on October 2, implementing this grounding measure.

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