

## Accident Involving N21MX

Place : Borrego Springs, California  
Date : September 8, 2012  
Vehicle : Moore MXS Experimental, N21MX  
NTSB No. : WPR12LA407  
Investigator : Patrick Jones, AS-WPR

On September 8, 2012, a Moore MXS Experimental Aircraft, N21MX, impacted the terrain following a loss of control and subsequent flight crew bailout near Borrego Springs CA. The certified pilot was fatally injured, the airplane was destroyed. Eye witness accounts stated the bail out occurred at to low of an altitude for the canopy to fully deploy.

The parachute was recovered from the San Diego County Coroner's Office in two plastic bags; the harness and container in one, the canopy and pilot chute in the other. The inspection revealed the following:

1. All parachute components were present and appeared to be undamaged.
2. There appeared to be no suspension line entanglement.
3. No rubber bands were present in the harness, pack, or on the suspension lines
4. The ripcord was not in the cord housing, but was present and appeared to be in good condition.

A normal deployment cycle was initiated however full canopy deployment may not have occurred; due to insufficient altitude.

The parachute, a FFE Preserve 1 FFE 201(-C) Type 66261 S/N 1/09 had been inspected and repacked on 03/30/2012, by Senior Parachute Rigger number [REDACTED] SEAL SYMBOL UOM.

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