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Safety Cushions

You will be aware that BGA RP 38 recommends that all glider cockpits should be equipped with cushions containing energy absorbing materials.

These cushions are widely used in club gliders but less so in privately owned gliders.

We have enclosed a small quantity of these booklets explaining how safety cushions work and how they can reduce injury not just in a crash but in the heavy landings that occur from time to time on instructing flights. We are hoping the booklet will encourage all non-users to install energy absorbent cushions.

Would you please distribute a hard copy of the booklet to each private owner or syndicate on your site. If you require further copies please contact the BGA office direct.

Electronic versions of the booklet will be sent to all instructors.

The booklet is complemented by a poster encouraging pilots to use safety foam and we would be grateful if you would display this poster in a prominent place.

Best regards

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