I was flying over moorland when the engine stopped on me. Shoot, not now! Where to land?

The terrain was pretty rough and I ended up crashing landing with the plane overturned.

\[\text{CAPTAIN MULBERRY IS TELLING SUNNY ABOUT A SERIOUS INCIDENT HE SUFFERED}\]

Within an hour, the rescue team found me and got me out.

I was glad I had a certified ELT installed on the plane, which activated automatically. It encoded the GPS position with the signal, so localization was easier and faster.


I was hanging by my seatbelt. I tried to open the door to get out, but it wouldn’t budge. It must have got jammed in the crash.

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Thankfully the G-Switch of the ELT detected the impact, the beacon sent a distress signal through the satellite constellation, and the rescue services were warned.

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\[\text{YES, I HAD ARMED THE ELT DURING THE PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST, AND THE INSTALLATION SURVIVED THE CRASH}\]

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Also, there had been regular inspections of the ELT, and checks that it worked properly through the maintenance programme (also recommended if following Part M Light).

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EASA has published SIIB 2019-09 to recommend annual testing of ELTs.

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You can find links to the -ELT installation and maintenance -COSPAS-SARSAT system -operational rules, and more in the downloads section of this issue.

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