Bundesstelle für Flugunfalluntersuchung



German Federal Bureau of Aircraft Accident Investigation

Interim Report

Identification

Type of Occurrence:	Accident
Date:	7 January 2017
Location:	Enroute, above the Arabian Sea
Aircraft:	1) Airplane
	2) Airplane
Manufacturer / Model:	1) Bombardier / CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant)
	2) Airbus / A380-861
Injuries to Persons:	 Two severely injured passengers, two passengers and one flight attendant suffered minor injuries
	2) None
Damage:	1) Aircraft severely damaged
	2) None
Other Damage:	None
State File Number:	BFU17-0024-2X
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Factual Information

During cruise flight above the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean, approximately one minute after it had been passed overhead by an Airbus A380 on opposite course, the CL604 was subject to temporary loss of control.

After it had lost approximately 9,000 ft of altitude the pilots regained control of the aircraft and subsequently landed at an alternate aerodrome at Muscat Airport, Oman.

The accident occurred over international waters. Thus the BFU as representative of the State of Registry of the accident aircraft is responsible for the conduct of the investigation. In accordance with international regulations, the air accident investigation authorities of Oman, India, the United Arab Emirates, Canada, USA, and France will assist the BFU in this investigation.

History of the Flight

At 1152 hrs¹ (0652 UTC) the CL604 had taken off from runway 36 at Malé, Maldive Islands, for a flight to Al-Bateen, United Arab Emirates. Three crew members and six passengers were on board the airplane.

The Flight Data Recorder (FDR) recordings show that the CL604 autopilot had been engaged approximately one minute after take-off. At 0720 UTC the airplane reached cruise level FL340. At 0729 UTC the aircraft entered Indian airspace (Mumbai FIR) at the reporting point BIBGO and had received the clearance to fly to reporting point KITAL via route L894. At approximately 0818 UTC the co-pilot radioed reaching reporting point GOLEM.

At 0655 UTC an Airbus A380-861 (A380) had taken off at Dubai Airport, United Arab Emirates, for a flight to Sydney, Australia. The aircraft flew at FL350 with a southern heading.

The analysis of the flight data of both aircraft showed that at 0838:07 UTC the A380 had passed the CL604 overhead with a vertical distance of 1,000 ft.

At 0838:54 UTC the CL604, with engaged autopilot, began to slightly roll right. At the same time a counter-rotating aileron deflection was recorded and fluctuation of the vertical acceleration began. In the subsequent approximately 10 seconds the airplane had a right bank angle of 4° to 6°. At 0839:03 UTC the right bank angle

¹ All times local, unless otherwise stated.



began to increase. Within one second the bank angle increased to 42° to the right. At the same time the aileron deflection to the left increased to 20° and the vertical acceleration to 1.6 g. In the following second vertical acceleration changed to -3.2 g.

At 0839:04 UTC a lateral acceleration of 0.45 g to the right was recorded. The pitch angle changed from about 3° to about 1°, then within one second increased to 9° and decreased again in the following second to -20°. At the same time the FDR recorded a rudder deflection to the left reaching 11.2° after about two seconds whereas the bank angle changed from 42° right to 31° left.

Between 0839:05 UTC and 0839:10 UTC Indicated Airspeed (in knots) changed from approximately 277 KIAS to 248 KIAS. The N1 of the left engine of 95% began to decrease.

At 0839:07 UTC the validity of IRS parameter is lost, the lateral acceleration reached 0.94 g left, the autopilot disengaged, and a master warning, lasting seven seconds, was recorded.

Between 0839:09 UTC and 0839:41 UTC the FDR recorded a loss of altitude of approximately 8,700 ft. Large control surface deflections and acceleration were recorded. The speed increased and at 0839:31 UTC reached approximately 330 KIAS. At 0839:30 UTC the spoilers extended and 13 seconds later were retracted again. The N1 of the left engine had decreased to approximately 40% when the Interstage Turbine Temperature (ITT) began to increase and nine seconds later had reached 850°. The left engine was shut off.

At about 0856 UTC the Pilot in Command (PIC) informed the air traffic controller in Mumbai of the occurrence, declared emergency, and reported their position, altitude and their intention to fly via KITAL to Oman.

At about 0915 UTC the crew restarted the left engine. Subsequently the airplane climbed to FL250. At about 0956 UTC the autopilot was re-engaged.

At 1105 UTC the CL604 landed at Muscat Airport.

The A380 continued the flight to Sydney and landed there at 1958 UTC.

The recordings of the Omani air traffic control services show that at about 0920 UTC the neighbouring Indian regional air traffic control Mumbai informed them that the CL604 was at FL230 and would probably pass the reporting point KITAL at 0937 UTC. Mumbai also informed ATC that via a relay station the information had been received that the airplane would divert to Oman. Initially, the reason for the low



altitude was given by Mumbai ATC as being due to engine failure. At 0957:50 UTC the airplane was depicted on the Omani ATC radar. At 1014:14 UTC the CL604 reached reporting point KITAL.

Statements of the CL604 Pilots

According to the statement of the CL604 pilots the PIC was Pilot Flying (PF) and the co-pilot Pilot Non Flying (PNF). The PIC stated that TCAS had drawn his attention to the opposite traffic. He then recognised the aircraft type A380, the airline, and informed the co-pilot. The PIC also stated that the A380 had passed them in opposite direction, slightly to the left and according to TCAS 1,000 ft above. He further stated that a short time later the airplane had been hit by the wake turbulence of the A380. The airplane had shook briefly, then rolled heavily to the left and the autopilot disengaged. Both pilots had actuated the aileron to the right in order to stop the rolling motion. But the airplane had continued to roll to the left thereby completing several rotations. Subsequently both Inertial Reference Systems (IRS), the Flight Management System (FMS), and the attitude indication failed. According to the pilots' statements at the time of the accident both pilots had fastened their lap belts and in addition the co-pilot had worn his shoulder belts. According to the PIC he had lost his headset during the rolling motion of the airplane. The Quick Reference Handbook (QRH) had flown around the cockpit and was damaged. As a result individual pages had been scattered around the cockpit. The PIC explained since the sky had been blue and the ocean's surface almost the same colour he had been able to recognise the aircraft's flight attitude with the help of the clouds. Later both pilots had been able to recover the airplane at FL240 using control inputs on the aileron and later the rudder and slight elevator deflection. Regarding the left engine the PIC stated that he had observed that N1 and N2 had "run apart". N1 had decreased severely. ITT had increased, reached more than 1,000°C, and the indication flashed red. Subsequently the engine was shut off. Based on the memory items the pilots were able to reactivate the IRS in attitude mode and fly the airplane again towards reporting point KITAL. Then the pilots used the cross bleed of the right engine to restart the left. After the second IRS had been reactivated and position and heading been entered manually into the FMS the autopilot was engaged again. After they had assessed the situation the flight crew decided to fly to Muscat.



Statements of the CL604 Flight Attendant

The flight attendant stated in an interview conducted by the BFU that during take-off and climb she had been seated in the jump seat with the seat belt fastened. She had opened the seat belt while they were passing FL100. At the time of the accident she had been standing in the middle of the cabin preparing the service. Four of the six passengers had also not been seated. In her recollection the airplane had turned three times around its longitudinal axis, during which the occupants had been thrown against the ceiling and the seats. Several of the passengers suffered injuries, some of which were bleeding. She herself suffered minor injuries. Using the on-board first aid kit she had attended to the passengers. In the further course of the flight she informed the pilots of the situation in the cabin and reassured the passengers.

Personnel Information

Pilot in Command CL604

The 39-year-old PIC held an Air Transport Pilot's License (ATPL(A)) of the European Union issued in accordance with Part-FCL. It was first issued by the Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA) and valid until 6 June 2014. The licence listed the ratings as PIC for CL604/605 and the Instrument Rating (IR) valid until 31 March 2017, and for single engine piston land (SEP).

His class 1 medical certificate was last issued on 26 September 2016 and valid until 8 October 2017.

His total flying experience was about 5,334 hours, about 4,564 hours of which were on type.

He had been employed by the operator as a pilot since October 2012.

On the day of the accident the entire crew had begun their shift at 0500 UTC.

Co-pilot CL604

The 41-year-old co-pilot held an Commercial Pilot's License (CPL(A)) of the European Union issued in accordance with Part-FCL. It was first issued by the LBA on 31 October 2013. The licence listed the ratings as co-pilot for CL604/605 and the Instrument Rating (IR), valid until 31 October 2017, and for single engine piston land (SEP) and Touring Motor Glider (TMG).



His class 1 medical certificate was last issued on 8 March 2016 and valid until 8 April 2017.

The co-pilot had a total flying experience of about 1,554 hours; of which 912 hours were on type.

Since November 2015 the co-pilot had been employed by the operator.

Flight Attendant CL604

Between 2009 and 2010 the 28-year-old flight attendant had completed her training. Since 2010 she had been working as flight attendant for different operators on a total of five aircraft types. Since September 2015 she had been working for the operator involved.

Aircraft Information

Bombardier CL604

The CL604 is a twin-engine business jet. It is a low-wing, t-tail aircraft, with landing gear in standard retractable tricycle configuration.

The cabin of the occurrence aircraft had been fitted with a total of 10 seats; eight of them in club arrangement. In the right aft part of the cabin a couch had been installed at right angles to the flight direction.

Manufacturer: Bombardier Inc. Canadair Group

Type: CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant)

Manufacturer's Serial

Number (MSN): 5464

Year of manufacture: 2000

MTOM: 21,863 kg

Engines: General Electric CF34-3B

Total operating time: approx. 10,211 hours and 5,504 flight cycles.

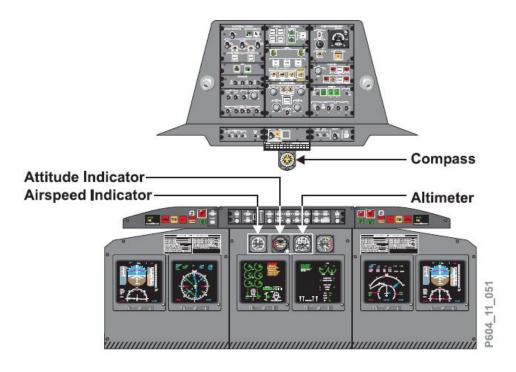
The aircraft had a valid German Certificate of Registration and was operated by a German operator.

According to the Airworthiness Review Certificate (ARC) airworthiness was last certified on 8 November 2016 at total operating time of 10,109 hours.



The aircraft's Mach Maximum Operating (MMO) value in altitudes between 30,990 ft and 41,000 ft was 0.85. Between 22,150 ft and 26,570 ft MMO was 0.78 and Velocity Maximum Operating (VMO) between 26,570 ft and 30,990 ft 318 KIAS.

Among other things, the aircraft was equipped with two Inertial Reference Systems (IRS). The IRS provided the different aircraft systems with attitude, directional, position and three-axis rate/acceleration data.



Standby instruments Source: Bombardier

The airplane was equipped with an Electronic Flight Instrument System (EFIS). Part of the standby instruments were airspeed indicator, barometric altimeter, artificial horizon, and a magnetic compass.

Airbus A380

The Airbus A380 is a double-deck, wide-body transport category aircraft with four engines. The low-wing airplane with a fuselage mounted tail plane was manufactured in mixed construction.

Manufacturer: Airbus

Type: A380-861



MSN: 224

Year of manufacture: 2016

MTOM: 569,000 kg

Mass at the time

of the accident: 522,990 kg

Engines: Engine Alliance GP7270

The aircraft was registered in the United Arab Emirates and operated by a United Arab Emirates operator.

Meteorological Information

Pre-flight Meteorological Preparation CL604

The BFU was provided with the pre-flight preparation documentation of the CL604 flight crew including the weather data of 6 January 2017 at 2336 UTC.

According to the forecast tropopause was at approximately FL525 at a temperature of -82°C.

For cruise level FL340 wind with 20 kt from north-west and a temperature of -42°C were forecast.

The Significant Weather Fixed Time Prognostic Chart for the planned flight did not contain any warnings of Clear Air Turbulence (CAT) for the area of the Arabian Sea.

Weather at the Time of the Accident

At the time of the accident it was daylight. According to the CL604 pilots' statements very good Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) with blue skies prevailed. The ocean's surface had been visible. In an estimated altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 ft AMSL the cloud cover had been 1/8 to 2/8. Condensation trails had not been visible.

No significant meteorological information (SIGMET) had been issued for the flight information region Mumbai (VABF).

According to the Digital Access Recorder (DAR) of the A380 the wind at their cruise level at FL350 came from about 315° with about 23 kt. The Static Air Temperature (SAT) was -44°C.



The BFU has asked the Deutscher Wetterdienst (German meteorological service provider, DWD) to prepare an expert opinion.

Weather Conditions at Muscat Airport

According to the aviation routine weather report (METAR) of 0950 UTC the following weather conditions prevailed at Muscat Airport:

Wind: 030°/8 kt

Clouds/Visibility: CAVOK

Temperature: 24°C

Dewpoint: 5°C

Barometric air pressure (QNH): 1,015 hPa

Radio Communications

At the time of the accident an HF radio contact had been established between CL604 flight crew and Mumbai ACC. The transcript of the radio transmissions was made available to the BFU.

The radio transmissions between the Omani air traffic control units (Muscat ACC, APP, and TWR) and the CL604 flight crew and the coordination calls between the air traffic control units in Muscat and Mumbai were recorded and made available to the BFU as transcripts.

Flight Recorder

Radar Recordings of the Flight Paths of the Aircraft

The BFU does not have any radar data of the flight path of the CL604. There is no radar coverage over large areas of the Arabian Sea. Therefore during the relevant period of time the flight path of the A380 involved was also not recorded by radar.

Flight Data Recording of the CL604

The airplane was equipped with a Flight Data Recorder (FDR) and a Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR).



Flight Data Recorder CL604

The aircraft was equipped with a Digital Flight Data Recorder (DFDR).

Manufacturer: L3 Communications

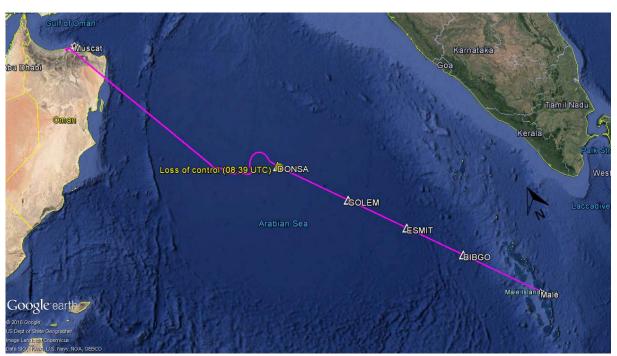
Type: F1000 (Solid State)

P/N: \$800-2000-00

S/N: 000169408

Number of parameters: 166

Recording Length: 25.8 hours



Reconstruction of the CL604 flight path (according to FDR data)

Source: Google Earth map service TM / BFU

Using FDR data the flight path of the CL604 was reconstructed.



Cockpit Voice Recorder CL604

The airplane was equipped with a Digital Cockpit Voice Recorder (DCVR).

Manufacturer: L3 Communications

Type: FA2100 (Solid State)

P/N: 2100-1020-00

S/N: 000483570

Number of channels: 4

Recording Length: 120 minutes

After the occurrence the flight had lasted for another two hours. Therefore the CVR recording did not include the time of the accident. Conversations, which had occurred in Muscat after landing, had been recorded.

Maintenance Diagnostic Computer

The aircraft was equipped with a Maintenance Diagnostic Computer (MDC). The computer stored maintenance messages, the LRU fault history, data regarding engine parameter exceedance, and trend information concerning the engines.

The MDC recordings were made available to the BFU for evaluation purposes.

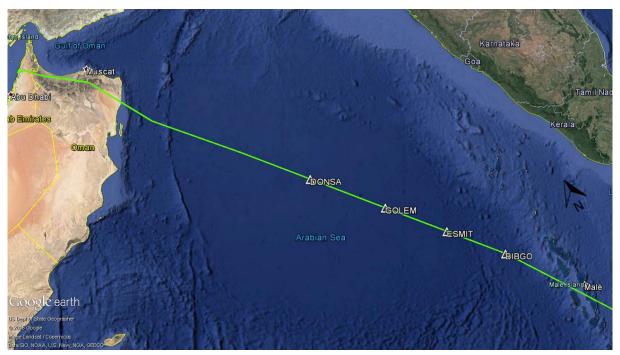
At 0840:32 UTC the MDC recorded the message ENG ITT LVL 3 with an ITT of 900°C relating to the left engine, and 22 seconds later ENG ITT LVL 4 with an ITT of 928°C at a peak of 1,097°C.

Flight Recorders A380-800

The airplane was equipped with a FDR, CVR, and Quick Access Recorder (QAR). The flight recordings of these recorders were no longer available.

The airplane was also equipped with a Digital Access Recorder (DAR) which stores data of the Aircraft Condition Monitoring System (ACMS). The operator's Flight Data Monitoring utilized these recordings. Due to a BFU request the air accident investigation authority of the United Arab Emirates provided the DAR data of the flight for evaluation purposes. The recording encompassed 1,803 parameter, including position data, course, altitudes, speeds, wind direction, and velocity, TCAS messages, etc.





Reconstruction of the A380 flight path (according to DAR data)

Source: Google Earth map service TM / BFU

Using DAR data the flight path of the A380 was reconstructed.

Wreckage and Impact Information

The accident occurred above international waters, the Arabian Sea, approximately 500 NM from any land.

The aircraft manufacturer determined that the airframe structure could not be restored to an airworthy state as it exceeded the airframe certification design load limits during the upset encounter. Therefore the aircraft is considered to be damaged substantially.

During a BFU investigation of the airplane no outer damages on fuselage, wings, and empennage, including control surfaces, were visible. There was no evidence of leakages (oil, fuel).





Outer condition of the airplane

Source: BFU

The inside of the passenger cabin showed damages on the seats and the panelling, as well as traces of blood. The armrests of the four seats in the front, installed in club arrangement, were either deformed or had fractured.

On the left side of the cabin two oxygen masks had fallen from their casings.





Damages in the cabin (viewed opposite to the direction of flight)

Source: BFU

In addition to the CVR and the FDR a Rockwell Collins TCAS and a Honeywell Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (EGPWS) (P/N 965-0976-003-210-210, S/N 6346) of the aircraft were seized and transported to the BFU in Braunschweig for evaluation purposes.

Medical and Pathological Information

According to the operator four passengers were treated at the hospital in Muscat.

One passenger suffered from head injuries and a broken rib; another passenger had fractured a vertebra. The two passengers and the flight attendant, who had sustained minor injuries, suffered bruising and a fractured nose, respectively.

The two other passengers and the pilots remained unharmed.



Fire

There was no fire.

Organisations and their Procedures

The German operator had an operations certificate issued by the LBA to transport passengers, mail and/or freight in commercial air traffic.

The operator operated a fleet of 24 aircraft of 10 different types, of which four were CL604.

Additional Information

In accordance with international regulations for airspaces with Restricted Vertical Separation Minima (RVSM) the RVSM for Mumbai FIR between airplanes with RVSM approval was 1,000 ft vertical between FL290 and FL410.

The ICAO document *Doc 4444 PANS-ATM (16th Edition November 2016)* describes a so-called *Strategic Lateral Offset Procedure (SLOP)*.

It defines SLOP as:

SLOP are approved procedures that allow aircraft to fly on a parallel track to the right of the centre line relative to the direction of flight to mitigate the lateral overlap probability due to increased navigation accuracy, and wake turbulence encounters.

The following specifications were given for SLOP implementation:

[...]

16.5.2 Strategic lateral offsets shall be authorized only in enroute airspace as follows:

a) where the lateral separation minima or spacing between route centre lines is 23 NM or more, offsets to the right of the centre line relative to the direction of flight in tenths of a nautical mile up to a maximum of 2 NM; and

b) where the lateral separation minima or spacing between route centre lines is 6 NM or more and less than 23 NM, offsets to the right of the



centre line relative to the direction of flight in tenths of a nautical mile up to a maximum of 0.5 NM.

- 16.5.3 The routes or airspace where application of strategic lateral offsets is authorized, and the procedures to be followed by pilots, shall be promulgated in aeronautical information publications (AIPs).
- 16.5.4 The decision to apply a strategic lateral offset shall be the responsibility of the flight crew. The flight crew shall only apply strategic lateral offsets in airspace where such offsets have been authorized by the appropriate ATS authority and when the aircraft is equipped with automatic offset tracking capability.
- Note 1. Pilots may contact other aircraft on the inter-pilot air to air frequency 123.45 MHz to coordinate offsets.
- Note 2. The strategic lateral offset procedure has been designed to include offsets to mitigate the effects of wake turbulence of preceding aircraft. If wake turbulence needs to be avoided, an offset to the right and within the limits specified in 16.5.2 may be used.
- Note 3. Pilots are not required to inform ATC that a strategic lateral offset is being applied.

[...]

The Indian Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP India) ENR 3.0-7 stipulates:

5.1.3. The Strategic Lateral Offset Procedures [SLOP], as described below are applicable in oceanic airspace in Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai FIRs on route segments mentioned in part 3 below.

[...]

- 5.2 Strategic Lateral Offset Procedures (SLOP)
- 5.2.1 The following basic requirements apply to the use of the Strategic Lateral Offset Procedures (SLOP)
 - i) Strategic Lateral Offset Procedures shall be applied only by aircraft with automatic offset tracking capability.
 - ii) The decision to apply a strategic lateral offset is the responsibility of the flight crew.



- iii) The offset shall be established at a distance of one or two nautical miles to the RIGHT of the centerline of the ATS route relative to the direction of flight.
- iv) The offsets shall not exceed 2NM right of centerline of the ATS route.
- v) The strategic lateral offset procedure has been designed to include offsets to mitigate the effects of wake turbulence of preceding aircraft. If wake turbulence needs to be avoided, one of the three available options (centerline, 1NM or 2NM right offset) shall be used.
- vi) In airspace where the use of lateral offsets has been authorized, pilots are not required to inform Air Traffic Control (ATC) that an offset is being applied.
- vii) Aircraft transiting areas of radar coverage in airspace where offset tracking is permitted may initiate or continue an offset.
- viii) Aircraft without automatic offset tracking capability must fly the centerline of the ATS Route being flown.
- 5.3. ATS route segment in Oceanic airspace where SLOP is applied
- 5.3.1 The segments of ATS Routes in Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea area, where Strategic Lateral Offset Procedure is applicable are identified below.

[...]

Subsection 5.3.4 listed 17 routes for Mumbai FIR where SLOP was permitted; route L894 was not among them.

Safety Case for Wake Vortex Encounter Risk due to the A380-800

An *ad hoc* Steering Group (SG) and a technical Work Group, comprising representatives from Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA), Eurocontrol, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Airbus and Det Norske Veritas (DNV), was set up in 2003 to specify safety requirements to ensure Wake Vortex Encounter (WVE) risk from the Airbus A380 will be acceptable. A safety case (A380 SG, 2006a) and supporting documentation has been produced.



Among others the following recommendations have been made:

- 4. Measurements of WV descent indicate that during the cruise WVs from B744, A346 and A388 aircraft can descend more than 1000 feet; other Heavy aircraft are expected to have similar WV characteristics. WVE frequency is probably highest, but still low in absolute terms, for aircraft flying counter-flow parallel tracks vertically separated by 1000 feet, compared to all other encounter geometries. At cruise speeds measurements indicate that the vortex trajectory crosses the flight level 1000 feet below the generator aircraft at about 10 to 20NM behind the generator aircraft in calm atmospheric conditions. Lighter aircraft should be aware of possible encounters for up to 20NM behind (horizontal longitudinal) and 1000 feet below a Heavy or A388 generator aircraft, especially when the aircraft are flying close to parallel tracks (see also Recommendation 5). Based on current separation criteria, WVE risk is considered to be acceptable at this time; however it is recommended that this issue be investigated further.
- 5. There are some WVE incident reports that indicate that current operational aircraft can generate moderate to severe WVEs for an encountering aircraft during climb or descent. Such encounters have very low probabilities, but controllers and pilots should be aware that if they occur then the encountering aircraft may experience significant accelerations. These reports are consistent with the limited cruise flight test measurements involving A388, B744 and A346 generator aircraft, and with the intentional encounters that were flown with an A318.

Though this is not an A388 specific issue, and it is beyond the scope of this group, the Work Group <u>strongly recommends</u> review, as a matter of urgency, of spacing for non-Heavy encounterers that climb or descend behind all Heavy aircraft generators (including the A388).

Investigator in charge: Jens Friedemann

Appendix

Reconstruction of the encounter of the two airplanes

Excerpt of the CL604 FDR at the beginning of the occurrence

Excerpt of the CL604 FDR during altitude loss

Excerpt of the CL604 FDR during recovery



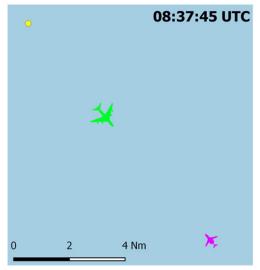
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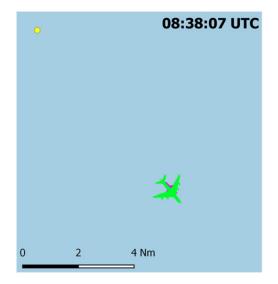


At about 0837:14 UTC the A380 passed at FL350 the position, where later the CL604 was subject to temporary loss of control.

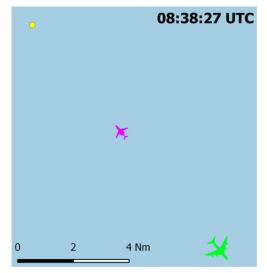


At about 0837:45 UTC the A380 TCAS captured the CL604 on opposite track (TCAS message proximate). At that time the distance between the two aircraft was 6 NM and 1,000 ft vertical.

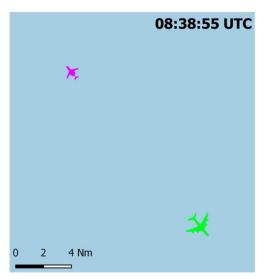




At about 0838:07 UTC the A380 passed the CL604 overhead with a vertical distance of 1,000 ft slightly to the right.



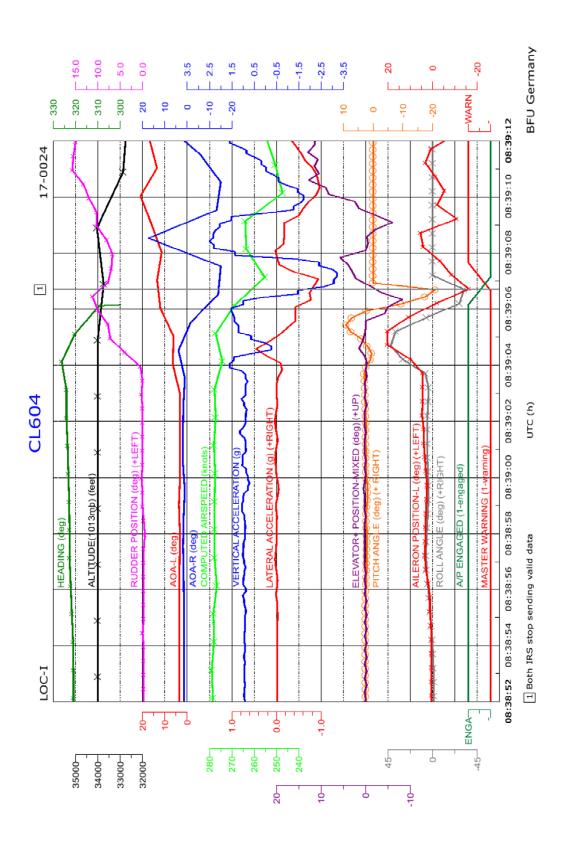
At about 0838:27 UTC the two aircraft left the capture area of their respective TCAS (TCAS message proximate). At that time the distance between the two aircraft was about 6 NM.



At about 0838:55 UTC at FL340 the CL604 encountered the wake vortex. At that time the A380 was about 15 NM south-east.

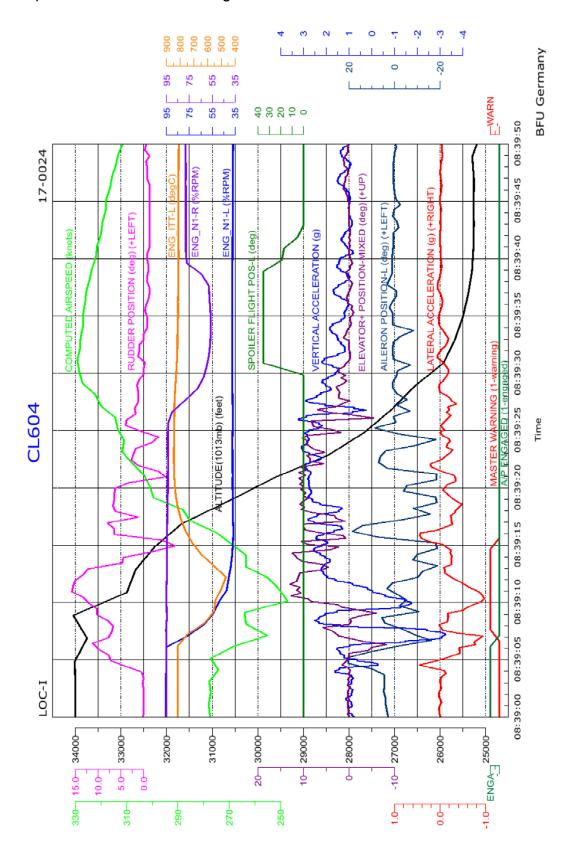


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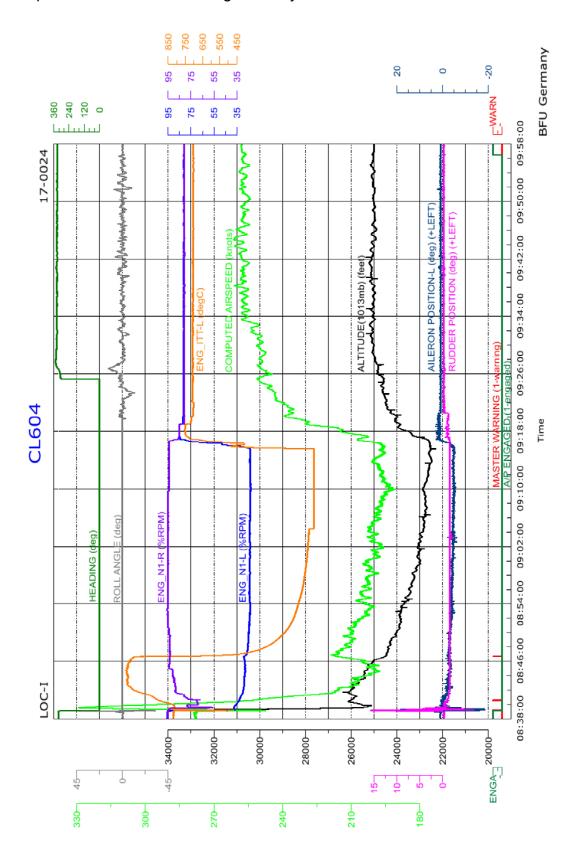


Excerpt of the CL604 FDR during altitude loss





Excerpt of the CL604 FDR during recovery





This investigation is conducted in accordance with the regulation (EU) No. 996/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation and the Federal German Law relating to the investigation of accidents and incidents associated with the operation of civil aircraft (*Flugunfall-Untersuchungs-Gesetz - FlUUG*) of 26 August 1998.

The sole objective of the investigation is to prevent future accidents and incidents. The investigation does not seek to ascertain blame or apportion legal liability for any claims that may arise.

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