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Beechcraft D50-A Twin Bonanza

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not find any defect or inconsistency in its operation. Students on the course indicated that most parts of the course provided adequate training for the jump. However, adverse comments were received concerning the number of students on the course and the written examination. In general, it was felt that 21 was too large a group for the organisation to train given the amount of equipment available and the necessary time restraints caused by the need for all students to complete the jump, from the one aircraft in the one day, before dark. They believed that the written examination was poorly administered and inadequate. The investigator's opinion is that the examination lacked objectivity. .

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The student parachutist did not adopt the correct body position after exiting the aircraft.
2. The student parachutist delayed in activating the reserve parachute.

Reccomendations:

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority review the adequacy of the written examination given to students who are undertaking "First Jump" courses. Also that they review the ratio of instructors to students, and students to equipment on such courses, with the view to setting maximum levels of students on these courses.