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217. Superbob Accident

An accident, which occurred in August 2000, involved a car of a Superbob-type ride breaking free of its attachments, smashing through the railings, and tipping over on the grass outside the ride boundary. The 3 teenager passengers were seriously injured.

The ride was produced by a French manufacturer, Soquest, in 1984 and imported into Great Britain in 1997.

Following the accident it was found that all the cars had suffered previous damage in the fibreglass floor area around the securing clamps. Some of them had also been previously repaired with fibreglass and matting. The view of the Inspection Body which examined the ride after the accident was that the car to chassis securing arrangements were unsatisfactory, with inadequate structural reinforcing to the load bearing area of the fibreglass shell.

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