

USA REPORT 2011

In the NTSB report you will see there were 8 ballooning accidents in the U.S. in 2011, half of these were during commercial ride operations. All of the serious injuries in the commercial ride operations were caused by higher than anticipated winds at landing. Our balloon federation membership was down slightly this past year due in part to the graying of the sport and not many new pilots being added. Preparations for the World Hot Air Balloon Championship are coming along as planned and the organizers are working hard to guarantee the best event possible. Our National Balloon Championship will move out of Michigan to Longview Texas.

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Current Synopsis	PDF Report(s) (Published)	Event Date	Estimated Release	Location	Make/Model	Regist. Number	NTSB No.	Event Severity
Factual	Factual (12/07/2011)	11/13/2011		Vacaville, CA	CAMERON BALLOONS A-315	N65400	WPR12CA035	Nonfatal
Probable Cause	Factual (10/25/2011) Probable Cause (12/01/2011)	9/16/2011	12/1/2011	Mingo, IA	BALLOON WORKS FIREFLY 8	N3181A	CEN11CA654	Nonfatal
Probable Cause	Factual (10/28/2011) Probable Cause (12/13/2011)	9/6/2011	12/13/2011	Park City, UT	AEROSTAR INTERNATIONAL INC S-60A	N7154E	WPR11CA435	Nonfatal
Factual	Factual (12/13/2011)	8/20/2011		Lewiston, ME	LINDSTRAND BALLOONS 180A	N75213	ERA11LA469	Nonfatal
Probable Cause	Factual (09/15/2011) Probable Cause (10/20/2011)	7/27/2011	10/20/2011	Hartsel, CO	KUBICEK BB85	N1545T	CEN11CA517	Nonfatal
Probable Cause	Factual (09/15/2011) Probable Cause (10/20/2011)	7/22/2011	10/20/2011	Clark, CO	CAMERON BALLOONS US AX10	N2012J	CEN11CA520	Nonfatal
Probable Cause	Factual (10/05/2011) Probable Cause (11/22/2011)	6/18/2011	11/22/2011	Summerdale, AL	HEAD BALLOONS INC AX8-88	N8190V	ERA11CA353	Nonfatal
Probable Cause	Factual (07/21/2011) Probable Cause (09/19/2011)	6/16/2011	9/19/2011	Le Center, MN	LINDSTRAND LBL120A	N5595L	CEN11CA398	Nonfatal

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