On 12 November the (US) National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued an investigative update into the crash of *SpaceShip Two* on 31 October in Mojave, California.

NTSB reported that the on-scene portion of the investigation into the crash of Virgin Galactic/Scaled Composites *SpaceShipTwo*, a test flight conducted by Scaled Composites, had concluded and all NTSB investigators had returned to Washington, DC.

*SpaceShipTwo* wreckage has been recovered and is being stored in a secure location for follow-on examination.

NTSB operations and human performance investigators interviewed the surviving pilot on 7 November. According to the pilot, he was unaware that the feather system had been unlocked early by the copilot. His description of the vehicle motion was consistent with other data sources in the investigation. He stated that he was extracted from the vehicle as a result of the break-up sequence and unbuckled from his seat at some point before the parachute deployed automatically.

Recorded information from telemetry, non-volatile memory, and videos are being processed and validated to assist the investigative groups.

An investigative group to further evaluate the vehicle and ground-based videos will convene in week commencing 16 November at the NTSB Recorders Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Furthermore, it was reported that the systems group continues to review available data for the vehicle’s systems (flight controls, displays, environmental control, and so forth). The group is also reviewing design data for the feather system components and the systems safety documentation.

In conclusion it has been learnt that the vehicle performance group continues to examine the aerodynamic and inertial forces that acted on the vehicle during the launch. The investigation is ongoing and any future updates will be issued as events warrant.