

Aircraft dumps fuel between Geneva and Dijon

Geneva, July 9, 2007. An Airbus 340 of Air France was obliged to abort its flight on July 8, 2007 for technical reasons, and was forced to jettison fuel to bring its weight down to the maximum prescribed for landing.

The fuel was jettisoned between 11.35 and 12.35 local time in the region between Geneva and Dijon. The aircraft dumped a total of 60 tonnes of aviation kerosene during this procedure. The fuel was dumped at 24000 feet (approx. 7800 metres above sea level).

The aircraft had taken off from Paris for Madagascar. After dumping the fuel, it landed safely back at Paris.

Further information:

Please see the "Fuel Dumping" dossier at:

www.skyguide.ch/en/Dossiers/Dossier_Laerm_und_Umwelt/FuelDumping/

According to various scientific investigations, including studies conducted in Germany (by TÜV Rheinland) and Canada (by the National Research Council), the kerosene involved in a fuel dump evaporates into the air and poses no threat to the environment or to people on the ground.

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