

IPACO expert report

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Type

IFO

Class

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Explanation

Flap track pods fairings
streamlining the flap
mechanisms

Complement

Document

Photo

Imaging location

Over Heathrow, UK.

Imaging date

July 14, 2011, 1:24'35"
PM, local British time



I. Imaging circumstances

This photo was sent to the main [UfoCaseBook](#) site with the following comments:

“London, England - 07-14-11

Hello, I want to show you a photograph that my son took on his Iphone as we were flying out of Heathrow Airport on July 14, 2011.

We were headed to Atlanta, Georgia in the United States, when he took a photograph of the landscape below, just after we took off.

He did not notice anything unusual at the time. I would think the craft would have been seen by other passengers or some of the crew.

Camera - Apple, iPhone 3GS- taken at 1:24 PM, local British time.

Thanks, Keith”

II. Camera settings

The camera model that was used is an Iphone 3GS which characteristics can be seen [here](#).



III. Data examination

Examination of the EXIF data with [EXIFTool](#) does not tell us anything specific that could help to solve this case.

These data are consistent with that of an iPhone 4GS and show neither apparent trace of alterations nor use of any image processing software.

However, a simple contrast and brightness enhancement of the photograph shows a clean limit in the upper left corner that indicates the presence of a uniform saturated area, occupying the entire corner above and at the left of the object:



This zone, saturated in luminosity, is barely visible in the original photograph as it can be confused with the high brightness of the white clouds lying in the background sky.

This photograph is also similar to that one...

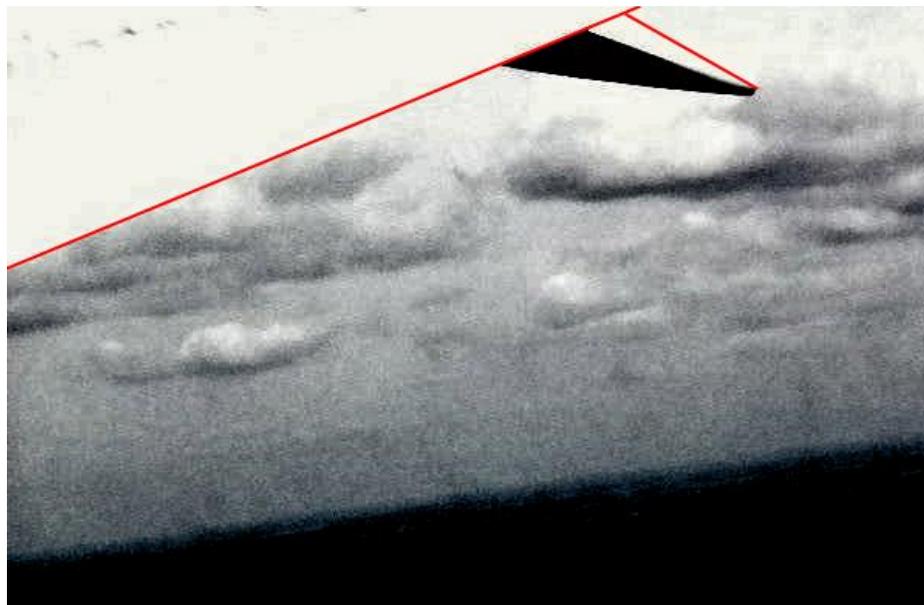


...which is only a part of this one:



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The triangular dark areas under the wing of the aircraft are in fact only the supports of the wing flaps, visible here more closely, on an Airbus A380-800:



IV. Conclusion

Given the objective data provided by the examination of the photographic document, we can conclude that the object contained in this document is a slide rail component of an airplane wing; the saturation of the brightness of the photographed area making this wing almost indistinguishable, in contrast with the dark area of the rail not exposed to the sun.

V. Sources – Photo credits

The original photography and testimony can be seen at the main site of [UfoCaseBook](#).

- (1) [TPE ailes d'avions](#)
- (2) [Rikoooo simulation](#)