

Piper divorces Czech light sport partner (CSA).

One year after it formed a partnership with light sport aircraft (LSA) maker Czech Sport Aircraft (CSA), Piper has terminated a licensing agreement with the Moravia-based airframer.

The decision continues a cycle of indecision regarding Piper's commitment to the light end of the general aviation market.

Piper Aircraft isn't looking for an immediate replacement for the PiperSport but the company is also not completely ruling out a return to the light sport aircraft sector.

Piper have a close affinity with this emerging segment of the marketplace and have great expectations for the LSA industry.

Piper began selling the two-seat PiperSport last April and has since sold a total of 54 of aircraft, a variant of CSA's Rotax-powered SportCruiser, according to the Light Aircraft Manufacturer's association.

After a year working with "CSA", Piper determined that it is in the company's best long-term interests to discontinue the business relationship with the East-European company says Piper CEO Geoffrey Berger. Clearly, the company has a different business perspective and approach to the market than "CSA", says Berger, and that of "CSA" were mismatched.