

No: 13/83

MICROLIGHT

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Aircraft type and registration: Ultrasports/Solar Wings Panther G-MMDS (single-engined micro-light aircraft)

Year of manufacture: —

Date and time (GMT): 10 September 1983 at 1430 hrs

Location: Costessey Showground, near Norwich

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — 1 (minor) Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Substantial damage to trike unit and wing

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence (Group D)

Commander's Age: 38 years

Commander's total flying experience: 200 hours (all of which were on type)

The pilot reported that he took off in drizzle associated with local thunderstorm activity. When he had climbed to 150 feet, he realised that the drizzle was turning to hail and he turned back to land. The engine then failed and the aircraft crash landed in a car park. Subsequent examination of the engine showed that the fuel pump had failed.