No: 7/85

MICROLIGHT

Ref: EW/G84/09/17

Aircraft type and registration:

Ultrasports Tripacer G-MMEO (microlight)

Year of Manufacture:

1983

Date and time (GMT):

29 September 1984 at 2000 hrs

Location:

Leigh Park Farm, Chiddington Causeway, Nr Tonbridge

Type of flight:

Training

Persons on board:

Crew - 1

Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew — 1 (serious) Passengers — None

Nature of damage:

The aircraft was extensively damaged

Commander's Licence:

Nil (student)

Commander's Age:

53 years

Commander's Total Flying

experience:

11 hours, none on type

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by pilot and owner.

The pilot was on his first solo flight. He had noticed that the aircraft was much lighter to fly than the dual aircraft he had flown and found difficulty with roll control during the take-off. Following an approach to land he decided to apply power and go around the circuit again. The right wing dipped and the tip struck the ground, swinging the aircraft through 90° and ejecting the pilot. The aircraft was extensively damaged and the pilot suffered cracked ribs and a broken ankle. The wind, which was from slightly to the right of ahead, has been quoted as westerly at approximately 10 kt, with small gusts.