

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aero AT3 R100, G-SBRK	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-S2 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2007	
Date & Time (UTC):	15 August 2009 at 1000 hrs	
Location:	Halton Airfield, Buckinghamshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nosewheel, left wing and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	57 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	57 hours (of which 24 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was flying from Sywell, Northhamptonshire, to Bembridge, Isle of Wight, in company with two other AT3 aircraft. At the time the pilots planned the flight, the weather was suitable; however, as the aircraft passed to the south of Aylesbury and over the Chiltern Hills, they encountered rain and low cloud. A decision was made to divert, initially to Wycombe Air Park but, as the conditions worsened, this was changed to Halton. The aircraft became separated from each other due to the poor visibility but the pilot of G-SBRK could see the other AT3 aircraft on final approach into Halton. He joined the circuit and made a normal approach to land

on Runway 20. However, the aircraft touched down on the nose landing gear, which collapsed, causing damage to the propeller and the left wing, coming to rest on the runway. Both occupants were able to exit the aircraft normally.

The pilot subsequently considered that he had allowed the airspeed to drop too low on final approach, and that he should have carried out a go-around. He also considered that he may have been distracted on the approach by the other aircraft, which were in the process of vacating the runway, rather than monitoring his airspeed.