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Aircraft Type and Registration: Glaser Dirks DG-400, G-BNXL

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 505 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1987

Date & Time (UTC): 31 July 1992 at 1430 hrs

Location: Sutton Bank, North Yorkshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Bent landing gear forks and strut

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 55 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 950 hours (of which 12 were on type)
Last 90 days - 30 hours
Last 28 days - 12 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reports that, on a self launched take off, the ground run was extended due to a late selection of the take off flap setting. Prior to lift off the aircraft crossed rough ground and the uneven edges of a footpath which crossed the runway. Once the aircraft was airborne when the pilot attempted to raise the landing gear he found that the lever could not be moved. He climbed the aircraft to circuit height, shut down and retracted the engine, and completed a landing without further incident. After landing an inspection revealed that the landing gear had sustained minor damage.