

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa (Tri-gear), G-BWZA	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1997	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 November 2005 at 1420 hrs	
Location:	Netherthorpe Airfield, Nottinghamshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to main landing gear, nosewheel and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	194 hours (of which 37 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had flown from Full Sutton Airfield, Yorkshire, to Netherthorpe Airfield, Nottinghamshire. On his arrival in the Netherthorpe area he made radio contact with the airfield and was informed that the surface wind was from 210° at 15 to 20 kt. The visibility was good with cloud at 1,800 ft. He carried out an overhead join and made an approach to Runway 24, a grass runway with 370 m (1,210 ft) of landing distance available and an upslope; the runway surface was wet.

The approach was flown with full flap at a speed of 60 kt and a normal flare and touchdown was made. After a

ground roll of some 30 to 40 m the aircraft lifted into the air again, drifted to the right and then dropped heavily back to the ground. The landing gear was damaged but the occupants were uninjured and were able to disembark normally.

The pilot commented that the wind conditions were blustery and he thought that runway surface irregularities may have caused the aircraft to become airborne again. The flight test stall speeds for this particular aircraft are not known but a typical stall speed for the type, with full flap, would be around 44 kt.