

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Aero AT-3 R100, G-SYEL	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912-S2 piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2006	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	24 September 2009 at 1150 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Runway 23, Sywell Aerodrome, Northamptonshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Lower engine cowling, nosewheel, propeller	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	National Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	73 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	20,300 hours (of which 3 were on type) Last 90 days - 9 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft bounced on touchdown after a normal approach to the grass Runway 23 at Sywell in conditions of light wind and good visibility. The pilot applied power and continued the approach but the second touchdown was "a little heavy". Witnesses saw the aircraft land on its nose landing gear, which collapsed allowing the propeller to strike the ground. The aircraft stopped very quickly but there was no fire

and the uninjured pilot was able to vacate the aircraft without assistance.

The aircraft operator's maintenance organisation found no evidence of any mechanical defect that might have contributed to failure of the nose landing gear. The pilot commented that he should have executed a go-around after the bounce.