

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Mainair Blade 912, G-WAKE	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2000	
Date & Time (UTC):	21 June 2009 at 1210 hrs	
Location:	Field near Kilberry, Argyll, Scotland	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Tyre puncture and damage to pod and landing light	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	62 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	266 hours (of which 266 were on type) Last 90 days - 15 hours Last 28 days - 8 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

During a precautionary landing a tyre burst and the aircraft hit a wall.

History of the flight

The Mainair Blade 912 is a two-seat flex-wing microlight aircraft with a tricycle landing gear configuration. The aircraft was on a cross-country flight from Strathaven Airfield to Oban Airfield. The pilot stated that, during the flight, the "weather closed in on the west side of Tarbert" and he considered that he would not be able to return safely to the Sound of Bute while remaining in

VMC. Therefore, he decided to carry out a precautionary landing in a field near Kilberry. The field he selected was rougher than he expected, with small stones hidden in the grass and on touchdown in the field one of the tyres burst. The pilot applied the brakes, but there was a slight downward slope towards the end of the field which resulted in a longer ground roll than he had expected. The aircraft weaved left and right and slid down the slope until it came to rest after hitting a wall at the end of the field.