

No: 5/85

MICROLIGHT

Ref: EW/G85/01/08

Aircraft type and registration: Teman Mono-Fly G-MMJX (light single engined microlight)

Year of Manufacture: 1983/84

Date and time (GMT): 24 January 1985 at 0915 hrs

Location: Marshlands Farm, Minster Sheppey, Kent

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Minor damage to the undercarriage

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 34 years

Commander's total flying experience: 51 hours (of which ½ hr was on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

At the end of a short local area flight, the aircraft was returning to the field for a landing when the pilot noticed a drop in engine RPM, which he attributed to throttle creep. However, as the aircraft approached the landing area, the engine stopped and the pilot made a forced landing in a ploughed field.

As the surface air temperature was 0°C, the pilot now attributes both the drop in RPM, and the subsequent engine failure, to carburettor icing.