

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Gemini Flash IIA, G-MVPI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 503 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1989	
Date & Time (UTC):	24 May 2012 at 1408 hrs	
Location:	Perth Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Serious)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Wing damaged and trike scuffed	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	2,650 hours (of which 2,335 were on type) Last 90 days - 50 hours Last 28 days - 15 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

History of the flight

The student, who had recently purchased the aircraft, was undergoing training in Gemini Flash operation with an experienced instructor. After a "well flown circuit and good landing" on Runway 09, the student, who was handling the aircraft, lost control of ground steering during the ground roll and the aircraft veered to the right and started to tip over. The instructor was unable to intervene because G-MVPI did not have dual control of the nosewheel steering and the aircraft rolled onto its side at about 10 mph.

The instructor instinctively extended an arm outside the open cockpit as the aircraft rolled over and suffered a

broken arm and wrist. The student was uninjured. The instructor was of the opinion that the student, who was used to later models of trikes fitted with 'self centring' steering, may have been unfamiliar with the steering characteristics of G-MVPI, which was an early model without this feature. He also believed that dual steering controls might have prevented the accident.