

## Europa, G-EMIN, 4 June 1998 at 1819 hrs

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Europa, G-EMIN

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1995

**Date & Time (UTC):** 4 June 1998 at 1819 hrs

**Location:** Cumbernauld Airport, Glasgow

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Propeller tips

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 71 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 830 hours (of which 53 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 11 hours  
Last 28 days - 6 hours

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

This version of the Europa had a single semi-retractable central mainwheel with outriggers at half-span on the wings and a steerable tailwheel. The pilot was landing on Runway 26 in fine weather and calm wind conditions. On landing the aircraft touched down about five knots too fast and it slewed to the left. It then veered sharply to the right causing the left wing tip to make contact with the runway. At that point the aircraft's tail lifted and the tips of the wooden propeller shattered when it struck the ground. The aircraft continued veering to the right and ran off the side of the runway onto the grass.

The pilot attributed the accident to a loss of directional control during the landing roll. His judgement was affected by a low sun angle which was in line with the runway.