

No: 6/84	Microlight	Ref: EW/G84/05/05
Aircraft type and registration:	Flexform Skystrike G-MBHS (single-engined microlight aircraft)	
Year of manufacture:	1981	
Date and time (GMT):	3 May 1984 at 1445 hrs	
Location:	Skelmersdale, Lancashire	
Type of flight:	No flight intended	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — Nil
Injuries:	Crew — 1 (serious)	Passengers — N/A
Nature of damage:	Substantial — damage to wing boom keel, and engine mountings	
Commander's Licence:	None	
Commander's Age:	23 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	Nil	

The aircraft was being taxied by its owner across a field in a southerly direction. The wind was estimated to be from the south to south east at 5 kt, with gusts of 10–15 kt. The occupant states that the aircraft encountered a gust generated by thermal activity, and the aircraft became airborne. It then commenced a turn to the left, and struck an elevated flood-light tower in an adjacent field at an estimated height of 40–45 feet. As a result of the collision, and ensuing uncontrolled descent, the occupant received serious back injuries. The aircraft suffered substantial damage to the wing boom, keel and engine mountings.

The aircraft registration was removed from the International Register of Civil Aircraft by the CAA on 12 April 1983. Since 11 June 1984, the aircraft had not been re-registered.