

# Europa, G-BXIJ

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## INCIDENT

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Europa, G-BXIJ  
**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine  
**Year of Manufacture:** 1997  
**Date & Time (UTC):** 28 June 1999 at 2025 hrs  
**Location:** Inverness Airport, Scotland  
**Type of Flight:** Private  
**Persons on Board:** Crew - 2 - Passengers - None  
**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A  
**Nature of Damage:** Minor damage to propeller tips  
**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence  
**Commander's Age:** 62 years  
**Commander's Flying Experience:** 482 hours (of which 81 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 24 hours  
Last 28 days - 11 hours  
**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot selected the main landing gear down while on right base leg to Runway 24. On touchdown the main gear retracted and the aircraft settled gently onto the runway. The monowheel main landing gear remains proud of its housing when retracted and it still supported the aircraft weight. The engine was at idle power and the propeller only suffered minor ground contact damage at its tips.

The pilot attributed the incident to the fact that the gear selector lever was not fully engaged in the locking gate and that he had failed to check it.