

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	X' AIR Falcon 133(1), G-CCNL	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Verner 133M piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2004	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 July 2012 at 1845 hrs	
Location:	Near Sandy, Bedfordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to left landing gear and rear fuselage	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	48 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	70 hours (of which 70 were on type) Last 90 days - 6 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was descending through about 1,500 ft prior to joining the circuit at Sandy Airfield when the engine lost power. The pilot carried out the appropriate actions to restore normal power, but without success. Although the engine continued to run, it would not produce more than 1,800 rpm.

The pilot selected an area of common ground in which to make a landing. The landing itself was successful, but the aircraft encountered an unseen ditch which caused damage to the landing gear and airframe. Upon inspecting the engine, it was found that part of a valve rocker on the inlet valve side had sheared off.