

Europa, G-BWIV

AAIB Bulletin No:	10/98	Ref:	EW/G98/08/04	Category:	1.3
Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa, G-BWIV				
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine				
Year of Manufacture:	1996				
Date & Time (UTC):	2 August 1998 at 0900 hrs				
Location:	Kirkchrist Farm, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire				
Type of Flight:	Private				
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None				
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A				
Nature of Damage:	Left wing damaged in contact with fence				
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings				
Commander's Age:	54 years				
Commander's Flying Experience:	613 hours (of which 29 were on type)				
	Last 90 days - 4 hours				
	Last 28 days - 2 hours				
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot				

The pilot was flying a series of practice circuits at a farm strip. The weather was fine with a light wind favouring Runway 35 which had an overall up-slope of 2° with a 4° up-slope about half way along the runway. The first two approaches resulted in a go-around which the pilot attributed to his lack of practice. The next two landings were satisfactory but the third resulted in a bounce due to contact with a ridge about one third down the runway. The pilot initially considered that this bounce was not significant, but when the aircraft bounced higher than he had anticipated, he elected to go-around. He applied full power and lowered the nose of the aircraft. Despite this, the aircraft contacted the runway again but then appeared to be out climbing the local gradient of 4°. However, while the aircraft was still close to the ground and probably in ground effect. The pilot lost control of the aircraft which departed to the left and contacted a wire fence some 10 metres from the edge of the runway.

The pilot attributed the cause of the accident to his late decision to go-around and his lack of recent flying practice.