

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Gemini Flash IIA, G-MWTG	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 582-2V piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1991	
Date & Time (UTC):	30 April 2008 at 1000 hrs	
Location:	Otherton Airfield, Staffordshire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft extensively damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	49 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,200 hours (of which 430 were on type) Last 90 days - 120 hours Last 28 days - 30 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The microlight aircraft collided with a boundary fence during a forced landing in a field following an engine failure. The aircraft was extensively damaged and one pilot sustained minor injuries.

History of the flight

The accident occurred during a circuit training detail. The aircraft had already completed a number of uneventful circuits from grass Runway 11, and was climbing back to circuit height when, between 200 and 300 ft agl, the engine stopped suddenly. The instructor

assumed control and executed a forced landing in a field, but was unable to stop in the distance available. The microlight struck a boundary fence at low speed before pitching over the fence, causing the wing to be badly damaged and the student pilot to sustain minor injuries.

The cause of the engine failure was not established. The microlight is reportedly uneconomical to repair, but should it be examined to determine the cause, then this will be reported upon in a future edition of the AAIB Bulletin.