

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Flight Design CTSW, G-CGHE	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2009	
Date & Time (UTC):	6 February 2010 at 1330 hrs	
Location:	Wyken Road Private Strip, Suffolk	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Fuselage and wing roots cracked; nosewheel collapsed	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	48 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	78 hours (of which 33 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - None	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft had just returned from a local flight and approached the airfield in light winds. As the aircraft touched down, it bounced on its main wheels, followed by a second heavy impact which caused significant damage, including the collapse of the nose landing gear. It then rolled onto the left and the right wing before coming to rest. The pilot, who had been wearing a full harness, was uninjured.

The pilot considered that the bounce at touchdown was caused by flaring the aircraft too late. After becoming airborne again he attempted to lessen a second impact by pitching the nose up. He considered that this then lead to a stall and the subsequent heavy landing. In a frank statement he indicated that, in hindsight, he should have applied full power and gone around after the first bounce.