

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aero AT-3 R100, G-SACX	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-S2 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2007	
Date & Time (UTC):	30 April 2009 at 1715 hrs	
Location:	Sherburn in Elmet Airfield, North Yorkshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Propeller blades, nose gear, pitot head, left wingtip and left aileron damaged	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	62 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	179 hours (of which 7 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had successfully completed 10 to 11 circuits during which he had carried out a combination of touch-and-go's and full stop landings on Runway 11. The wind was from 150° at 8 to 10 kt. On this approach he rounded out too high and allowed the airspeed to decay to around 40 to 45 kt, causing the aircraft to touch down heavily on the runway. It then bounced back into the air and touched down on the nosewheel before pitching nose up. The pilot increased power in an attempt to regain control, but did not apply right rudder to counter the yaw effect, resulting in the aircraft yawing

to the left and departing the paved surface. He brought it to a halt on the grass adjacent to the runway. The tips of the propeller blades and the nosewheel assembly were damaged. Damage to the left wingtip, left aileron and pitot tube indicated that the left wing had struck the ground during the accident.

The pilot considered that he might have lost concentration after having spent approximately one and a half hours flying in the circuit.