

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Ikarus C42 FB80, G-SFLB	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2007 (Serial no: 0709-6914)	
Date & Time (UTC):	15 July 2012 at 0948 hrs	
Location:	Lower Upham Airfield, Hampshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Left wing, fuselage and landing gear damaged. Substantial damage to the engine and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	45 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	94 hours (of which 94 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The aircraft stalled during a go-around after touching down heavily approximately half-way down the runway.

History of the flight

Following a local flight, the pilot positioned the aircraft to land on Runway 04 at Lower Upham Airfield. The wind was reported as calm and the 570 m, uphill, grass runway was described as wet.

The pilot reported that he was slightly higher than normal on the approach and therefore increased his rate of descent by sideslipping the aircraft. Witnesses reported that the aircraft seemed to be high and fast on the approach and that it touched down heavily approximately half-way

along the runway. The aircraft was then seen to bounce twice before touching down on a heading approximately 20° to the left of the runway direction. After a short ground roll, the engine power was heard to increase and the aircraft became airborne and just cleared a hedge which ran along the left edge of the runway. The aircraft struck the ground in a nose down attitude in a field on the other side of the hedge. The pilot suffered a minor back injury but the passenger was uninjured.

AAIB comment

The reported facts indicate that the aircraft stalled during the go-around as the pilot attempted to gain sufficient height to clear a hedge that ran along the edge of the runway.