

Aircraft: A.M.F. Lazair (Twin engined microlight aircraft) G-MBYI

Year of manufacture: 1982

Date and time (GMT): 28 August 1982 at 1830 hrs

Location: Long Marston Aerodrome

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - Nil

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - N/A

Nature of damage: Aircraft destroyed

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's total flying experience: 9 hours (of which none were on type)

The pilot had completed some flying under instruction in motor-gliders and had also flown some 2½ hours under instruction in a Goldwing microlight in which he had gone solo. This was the pilot's first flight in a Lazair.

The wind was calm. The take-off run appeared normal but the pilot reports that the rate of climb decreased markedly when the aircraft reached a height of 10 to 12 feet and that he was unable to hold the correct climb attitude because of fluctuations on the airspeed indicator. The aircraft began a gentle turn to the right and continued to climb slowly to about 30 feet. Having turned right through 90 degrees the pilot was unable to stop the turn. He reported that he lowered the nose to try and increase airspeed but he was unable to roll the wings level. The aircraft continued to turn, losing height until the starboard wing hit the ground and the aircraft somersaulted onto its back.