

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Thruster T600N, G-MZGZ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 503-DCDI-2V piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1997	
Date & Time (UTC):	20 April 2009 at 1800 hrs	
Location:	Throckmorton Airfield, Worcestershire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft destroyed	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	69 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	200 hours (of which 50 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and further enquiries by the AAIB	

Synopsis

Soon after takeoff the pilot stalled the aircraft. As the remaining amount of runway was insufficient to complete a safe landing, he turned the aircraft left to land onto a paved track. After landing the aircraft subsequently collided with a tree.

History of the flight

The pilot reported that he was planning on making a local flight from Throckmorton Airfield, Worcestershire, to gain some more experience on the Thruster, as he had not flown the aircraft recently. It was a clear day with a variable wind at 2 kt. During the takeoff the pilot's vision was impaired by the sun which made it difficult to read the ASI. Soon after becoming airborne

the aircraft stalled. The pilot attempted to control the aircraft by pushing forward on the control column. However, realising the remaining amount of runway was insufficient to complete a safe landing he turned left to land on a curved paved track that diverged off the runway. Just before the aircraft landed the pilot switched off the magnetos. Shortly after landing the aircraft collided with a tree and an animal observation hide. The pilot vacated the aircraft uninjured but the aircraft was destroyed in the collision. A passing truck driver, who witnessed the accident, helped the pilot pull the wreckage clear of the trees.

The pilot acknowledged that the accident was as a

result of a mistake on his part and that the sun also impaired his vision making it difficult to read the ASI and thus control the speed.