

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Pegasus Quantum 15-912, G-TUSA	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2001	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	31 July 2007 at 1815 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Weston Zoyland, Near Bridgwater, Somerset	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - 1 (Minor)
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Aircraft damaged beyond economic repair	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	49 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	1,941 hours (of which about 600 were on type) Last 90 days - 32 hours Last 28 days - 17 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

**Synopsis**

As the aircraft was about to rotate on takeoff, it veered to the right and collided with an adjacent fence.

**History of the flight**

The pilot intended to undertake a local flight with a passenger who had flown in a microlight on two previous occasions. The surface wind was approximately 270°/5 kt and the pilot chose tarmac Runway 16 for departure. As the pilot began to rotate the aircraft during the takeoff, it veered to the right and collided with a fence near the edge of the runway, which brought it to a stop. The pilot and passenger, who were both wearing full harnesses and helmets, received minor injuries in the accident which left the trike severely damaged.

**Comment**

The pilot was unable to offer a cause of the accident, other than possible windshear. Given the light wind reported, it would be surprising for this to be the cause of such a loss of control.

The foot rests for both the pilot and passenger were connected to allow either person to use them to steer the nosewheel. An inadvertent passenger input on the right foot rest might have been sufficient to cause it to veer to the right as described.