ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Quik GT450, G-CEKG

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2007

Date & Time (UTC): 3 August 2008 at 1630 hrs

Location: East Fortune Airfield, East Lothian

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose landing gear and pod

Commander's Licence: Student pilot

Commander's Age: 59 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 93 hours (of which 22 were on type)

Last 90 days - 29 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Synopsis

A solo student pilot was attempting to land a microlight aircraft in good weather, but with an 8 kt breeze across the runway. Prior to touchdown the pilot successfully corrected a drift to the left, but the aircraft then sank heavily and hit the runway hard, bouncing before

again settling heavily onto the ground. This caused the nosewheel tyre to burst and the nose gear to buckle and collapse into the pod. The pilot considers that insufficient airspeed resulted in the aircraft stalling onto the ground.

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