

Aircraft Type and Registration: Hilander/Sky Trike, G-MBBW

No & Type of Engines: 1 Robin (250 cc) piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date & Time (UTC): 1 May 1994 at 1640 hrs

Location: Penrallt Eifid, Dyfed, Wales

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - 1 Serious Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Aircraft destroyed

Commander's Licence: None

Commander's Age: 71 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 15 hours (Dual Training)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The unlicensed pilot had just fitted a new propeller and airspeed indicator to his weight-shift microlight and was eager to try them out before submitting the aircraft for an airworthiness test.

When the aircraft took off, the weather was good but the wind was from the east south east at 15 kt and gusting. After takeoff, the aircraft immediately veered to the left through 180° before striking the branches of a tree and crashing.

The pilot has since stated that he intended only to take off and land in the next field.