

**No: 11/85**

**MICROLIGHT**

**Ref: EW/G85/07/17**

**Aircraft type  
and registration:**

Nomad 425F G-MMVN (single engined microlight)

**Year of Manufacture:**

1984

**Date and time (GMT):**

24 July 1985 at 1660 hrs

**Location:**

Long Marston aerodrome, Stratford-upon-Avon

**Type of flight:**

Private

**Persons on board:**

Crew — 1

Passengers — None

**Injuries:**

Crew — 1 (serious)

Passengers — N/A

**Nature of damage:**

Severe

**Commander's Licence:**

None

**Commander's Age:**

61 years

**Commander's Total  
Flying Experience:**

10 hours

**Information Source:**

BMAA Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot's flying instructor.

During the morning of 24 July 1985 the pilot had a dual instruction flight with an approved flying instructor. At the end of this flight the instructor informed the pilot that he needed further instruction, and was not yet ready for solo flight. During this afternoon of the same day the pilot took off in the same aircraft on his own. Shortly after take off he appeared to lose control of the aircraft, which crashed into a corn field alongside the runway. The aircraft sustained severe damage and the pilot suffered serious head injuries.