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Aircraft: Chargus Titan Solar Typhoon G-MBGU
(microlight)

Year of manufacture: 1981

Date and time (GMT): 17 April 1983 at 1800 hrs

Location: Halfpenny Green Aerodrome, West Midlands

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - Nil

Injuries: Crew - 1 (serious) Passengers - N/A

Nature of damage: The aircraft was destroyed

Commander's Licence: None

Commander's age: 40 years

Commander's total flying experience: 120 hours unpowered hang gliding (no hours on type)

The owner/pilot had bought this microlight aircraft the day before the accident. He had intended to practise only taxiing and the take-off run without becoming airborne.

During the runway exercise in which the pilot attempted to raise the nose wheel off the ground, the aircraft suddenly became airborne and so the pilot, considering that there was insufficient room to land ahead, decided to attempt to fly a circuit. He lost control of the aircraft at approximately 50 feet and flew into some trees. The aircraft lodged in the trees, but as the disrupted airframe released the pilot's lap strap, he, rendered unconscious by the impact fell to the ground.