

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pegasus Quantum 15-912, G-CCWN	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2004	
Date & Time (UTC):	16 September 2008 at 1715 hrs	
Location:	Sutton Meadows, Cambridgeshire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft destroyed	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	27 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	3,200 hours (of which 620 were on type) Last 90 days - 145 hours Last 28 days - 54 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The flight was planned as a trial lesson and was the student's first flight in a microlight. The Pegasus Quantum is a flex-wing microlight with a tandem seating arrangement in which the student occupied the front seat. During the flight, the instructor progressively allowed the student to take control, with the student eventually flying a circuit followed by an approach to land. The instructor described the student as flying "very well". At around 100 ft on approach, the microlight began to drift to the right of the runway

centreline and the instructor said "I have control". However, the student pulled the control bar fully back and froze. The instructor immediately applied full power and attempted to push the bar forward. Despite repeated vocal commands the student did not release the control bar and the microlight struck the ground at around 80 mph. It bounced back into the air before touching down again and coming to rest around 40 m from the initial impact point. There were no injuries.