

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Gemini Flash IIA, G-MTTW	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 462 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1987 (Serial no: 622-188-5-W411)	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 November 2012 at 0955 hrs	
Location:	Caernarfon Airport, North Wales	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to cockpit, wing, trike, keel and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Student	
Commander's Age:	77 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	36 hours (of which 9 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After a 30-minute checkout with his instructor, the student was despatched for a solo local flight. After being airborne for about 30 minutes, the student rejoined the circuit to land. The instructor, watching from the ground, saw the aircraft round out "perfectly" but, as the wheels touched down, the aircraft veered violently to the left and flipped onto its right side. The student was airlifted to hospital as a precaution but was released later that afternoon.

The student admitted that he forgot to check, as he had been instructed to do, that the nosewheel steering was straight whilst on the downwind leg and final approach. The instructor, who described his student as "very able and competent", attributes the omission to a momentary lapse of concentration by the student.