

Europa, G-RATZ, 23 May 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa, G-RATZ
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1997
Date & Time (UTC):	23 May 1997 at 1920 hrs
Location:	Sherburn-In-Elmet, W Yorks
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Broken propeller, left lower fuselage
Commander's Licence:	Basic Commercial Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	38 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,280 hours (of which 225 were on type) Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone inquiries

The Europa landing gear consists of a large semi-retractable mainwheel, steerable tailwheel and outriggers at about half span, mounted on nylon stalks which retract with the flaps.

During a normal approach, a landing gear down selection was made but the lock latch on the selector lever did not engage and the mainwheel retracted on landing.