
ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Powerchute Kestrel microlight, G-MWGV
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 503 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1990
Date & Time (UTC):	10 June 2007 at 2041 hrs
Location:	Charlemont, Armagh, Northern Ireland
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor) Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to 'A' frame, foot rest and propeller
Commander's Licence:	No licence held
Commander's Age:	46 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	Approximately 60 hours total
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Synopsis

The aircraft collided with a hedge as the pilot attempted to avoid power lines during takeoff. A causal factor was the pilot's decision to take off part-way down the field, rather than use the full length available.

History of the flight

The pilot had already completed one successful 15 minute flight prior to the accident. On the second flight he commenced his takeoff run part way down the field. During the takeoff he realised he would not

clear the power lines at the end of the field and steered the aircraft towards a meadow to his right, with the intention of landing again. The meadow was located beyond a river bounded by two hedges. He cleared the first hedge and the river, but collided with the second hedge, causing him to sustain minor injuries.

With hindsight, the pilot believed that the accident could have been avoided if he had used the full length of the field for takeoff.