

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Slepcev Storch, G-BZOB	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2004 (Serial no: PFA 316-13592)	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 July 2012 at 1020 hrs	
Location:	2 miles west of Manchester Barton Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to main landing gear, exhaust and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,325 hours (of which 7 were on type) Last 90 days - 19 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft had flown into Manchester Barton Airport from Warrington Airfield. It remained on the ground for about 40 minutes before taking off again for the return flight with the pilot and a passenger on board. Shortly after takeoff, the engine began to misfire, and this continued for about 30 or 40 seconds before the engine stopped. The only available choice of fields

for landing was one with a standing barley crop in it. The aircraft suffered damage during the landing in the field, but remained upright and the two occupants were uninjured. The pilot reported that he had changed the selected fuel tank at Barton and considered the problem to be fuel-related.