ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Pegasus XL-Q, G-MTYE

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 462 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1988

Date & Time (UTC): 17 August 2008 at 1230 hrs

Location: Enstone Microlight Club, Oxon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to trike pylon and wing hang strap

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: Not given

Commander's Flying Experience: 3,882 hours (of which 20 were on type)

Last 90 days - 48 hours Last 28 days - 12 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Synopsis

The flex-wing microlight aircraft was holding short of the runway in use. The surface wind was estimated at 8 to 10 kt and blowing from the aircraft's 7 o'clock position. As the pilot reached for the radio, he inadvertently pulled back on the control bar. This allowed a gust of wind

under the wing trailing edge, which tipped the aircraft forward onto its port leading edge. The engine was shut down and the aircraft was lifted back onto its main wheels with the assistance of helpers. Damage was later found to the trike pylon and the wing hang strap.

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