

Europa, G-OGAN

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Europa, G-OGAN

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1999

Date & Time (UTC): 8 May 2000 at 1400 hrs

Location: Wickenby Airport, Lincolnshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to landing gear, wing tips, cowling, engine and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 59 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 67 hours (of which 2 were on type)

Last 90 days - 2 hours

Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was landing from a local flight at Wickenby and using Runway 03. The weather was good and the wind was generally from 030° at 5 kt but gusting 045° at 9 kt. The pilot reports that he approached the runway at 60 kt with full flap selected and, on rounding out, the aircraft began to oscillate in pitch. This was corrected by an increase in power, whereupon the aircraft banked to the left and the left wing struck some oilseed rape crop, which was adjacent to the runway. The aircraft slewed to the left and landed upright. The pilot assessed the cause of the accident as being his lack of familiarity with the 'all flying' tail of the Europa, combined with the possibility that a gust of wind from the right had caused the upset.