

MICROLIGHT

Aircraft type and registration: Flexiform HI-Lander/Main Air Tri-Flyer G-MJKY (single-engined single seat microlight aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1982

Date and time (GMT): 10 November 1984 at 1350 hrs

Location: Haddenham, Oxfordshire

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — 1 (minor) Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Damage to the trike structure, wing flying wires and wing control frame. Also propeller.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 37 years

Commander's total flying experience: 62 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report form completed by the pilot.

After a short cross country flight the aircraft positioned over the field where it was intended to land. The pilot noted that a number of aircraft were parked at the upwind end of the landing strip and accordingly planned an early touch-down to allow plenty of room for a possible overshoot. He then carried out a normal left-hand circuit pattern. On final approach he side-slipped the aircraft to lose height and aimed to clear the boundary hedge by 15 to 20 feet. However, as he approached the hedge he realised that a set of power cables on telegraph type poles ran along the line of the hedge. He opened the throttle and attempted to flare the aircraft but the engine initially spluttered before it eventually attained full power. As the aircraft passed over the hedge its rear wheels caught the power cables and it pitched nose-down to an angle of approximately 45°. The aircraft then disengaged from the cables but dived into the ground at a speed of about 25 mph. The aluminium cockpit structure folded up and the pilot slid forward until restrained by his harness. He escaped with minor bruises.