

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Thruster T600N 450, G-CDDI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Jabiru 2200A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2004	
Date & Time (UTC):	13 September 2008 at 1140 hrs	
Location:	Private airstrip at Usselby, near Market Rasen, Lincs	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to aircraft structure, engine and wing; power cable broken	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	54 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	461 hours (of which 461 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The accident occurred on the approach to land at a private airstrip near Market Rasen. The pilot was aware of power cables on the western approach to the airstrip and he therefore made a low pass in order to identify them prior to landing. Having done so, he flew the approach so as to avoid the cables, clearing them by approximately 15 feet. As he commenced the flare, the aircraft jerked violently, turned through 180 degrees and descended nose-first to the ground. After vacating the aircraft, the

pilot noticed that there was a cable wrapped around the top of the tail fin. On looking back to the power cables he now saw that there were two sets of cables mounted on different sets of poles. He had identified the outer cables on his flypast, but had not seen the innermost cables that were mounted on shorter poles positioned approximately 40 m closer to the runway threshold; it was one of these cables that his aircraft had struck.