

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Tecnam P2002-EA Sierra, G-RLMW	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2006	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 June 2007 at 1100 hrs	
Location:	Glassonby Airfield, Penrith, Cumbria	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear, propeller, and wings damaged	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	62 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	468 hours (of which 26 were on type) Last 90 days - 19 hours Last 28 days - 10 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

During takeoff on a grass runway, the aircraft crested a rise in the runway, became briefly airborne, settled onto the ground and then bounced back into the air. It then veered to the left and struck a fence.

History of the flight

The pilot reported that he was taking off in still air conditions on grass Runway 36. Approximately 50 m into the takeoff roll with full power applied, the aircraft crested a rise in the runway and became airborne prematurely. It veered to the left, settled onto the ground

and bounced back into the air. The pilot continued the takeoff, was regaining control of the aircraft and bringing it back on course, when it struck a fence and came to a stop. The aircraft sustained damage to its nose landing gear, propeller and wings; several fence posts were also damaged. The pilot shut the aircraft down and vacated the cockpit without difficulty.

The pilot commented that he may have avoided the fence had he aborted the takeoff when the aircraft first bounced.