ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: EV-97 TeamEurostar UK, G-CCTI

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2004

Date & Time (UTC): 4 June 2010 at 1615 hrs

Location: Sywell Airport, Northamptonshire

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose leg, firewall, engine mount, floor area

around rudder pedals

Commander's Licence: Student

Commander's Age: 69 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 128 hours (of which 54 were on type)

Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot had performed a dual instructional flight with his instructor after which he was briefed for some solo circuits, which were not his first. After refuelling, the aircraft took off in benign weather conditions. During the first touch-and-go, the aircraft bounced three times. On the second and third bounces the aircraft struck the ground nosewheel first, with the third bounce being the most severe. The pilot performed a go-around and the instructor, through the tower, requested that he land after

his next approach. The pilot subsequently completed what his instructor described as a "perfect landing". The damage to the aircraft was not immediately apparent and was discovered after the aircraft returned to the apron.

The pilot, wearing a full harness, sustained no injuries. He considered that the initial bounce was caused by insufficient pitch-up attitude during the flare.

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