

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pegasus XL-Q, G-MVVN	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 462 HP piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1989	
Date & Time (UTC):	3 September 2010 at 1814 hrs	
Location:	Watnall airstrip, Nottinghamshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Pod and propeller shattered, tubes bent and broken, sail torn	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	62 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	105 hours (of which 40 were on type) Last 90 days - 1 hour Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

During the final stages of a glide approach in benign weather conditions, the aircraft encountered a sudden and rapid descent. The pilot applied power in an attempt to arrest the rate of descent, but the aircraft's mainwheels contacted the hedge on the airfield boundary. The aircraft impacted the ground heavily at the beginning of the grass strip and came to a rapid halt.

The pilot was wearing a lap harness and a protective helmet and suffered minor injuries. He assessed the cause as a "sudden unexpected sink" encountered during the latter stages of the approach.