

# Europa, G-DURO

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## INCIDENT

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Europa, G-DURO

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

**Year of Manufacture:** 1999

**Date & Time (UTC):** 24 August 2001 at 1749 hrs

**Location:** Exeter Airfield

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1

Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None

Passengers -  
None

**Nature of Damage:** Propeller damage

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilots Licence

**Commander's Age:** 60 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 370 hours (of which 93 were on type)

Last 90 days - 18 hours

Last 28 days - 5 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot joined the circuit at Exeter Airport, left hand downwind for Runway 26. He configured the aircraft for landing and flew the final approach at 60 kt. The weather at the time was, surface wind 200/5-10 kt and CAVOK. The aircraft touched down normally but as it slowed down a gust of wind caused it to veer to the left and then the right. Due to the low speed the pilot had little aileron or rudder authority and the aircraft departed from the right hand edge of the runway. As the aircraft rolled from the tarmac onto the grass the nose pitched forward and the propeller struck the ground. Both the pilot and passenger were uninjured and, having switched off the electrical power, they vacated the aircraft through the normal exits. The pilot's assessment of the cause of the accident was a sudden gust of wind causing the aircraft to veer, and he was unable to control it.

