

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Ikarus C42 FB UK, G-DUGE	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2003	
Date & Time (UTC):	12 November 2009 at 1230 hrs	
Location:	Plaistows Farm Airfield, St Albans, Hertfordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nose landing gear and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	284 hours (of which 203 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft took off from grass Runway 15 at Plaistows Farm Airfield and at 700 ft agl the pilot started a turn to the left. As he did so he noticed that the starboard door was coming open. He felt this was affecting the handling of the aircraft badly so he decided to make a forced landing in a nearby field.

The aircraft landed heavily in the field and, as a result, the nose landing gear collapsed and the propeller struck the ground. The pilot was not injured in the accident and was able to vacate the aircraft by the door on the left side.