

SERIOUS INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aerotechnik EV-97 Eurostar, G-SDFM	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2002	
Date & Time (UTC):	31 July 2009 at 1733 hrs	
Location:	Broomhill Grange, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Canopy shattered, tailplane leading edge and right wing upper surface damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	51 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	2,545 hours (of which 7 were on type) Last 90 days - 78 hours Last 28 days - 27 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was level at 3,000 ft to the north of Mansfield when the canopy suddenly shattered. Loose items within the cockpit began moving about and some of these, including the pilot's rucksack, fell overboard. The pilot suffered lacerations to the head which caused

profuse bleeding, impairing the vision in her right eye. Despite these difficulties, she was able to identify a suitable field and carried out a successful forced landing. It was concluded that the most likely reason for the canopy shattering was a bird strike.