

Cosmos 14.9 Phase II, 06 MM, 19 April 1998 at 1745 hrs

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cosmos 14.9 Phase II, 06 MM

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 618 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1997

Date & Time (UTC): 19 April 1998 at 1745 hrs

Location: RAF Conningsby, Lincolnshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - Serious - Passengers - Serious

Nature of Damage: Aircraft destroyed

Commander's Licence: Microlight (French)

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,200 hours (of which 7 were on type)
Last 90 days - Nil
Last 28 days - Nil

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The French registered ultra-light aircraft was taking off from the grass to the south of the main Runway 08, at Conningsby. On lift off it was affected by a gust of wind, rolling the aircraft to the left, and the pilot decided to abandon the take off. During the subsequent touchdown the aircraft landed nosewheel first and slid sideways, rolling onto its right side. The pilot and passenger, who were wearing lap belts only, suffered serious injuries. Station meteorological records for the time of the accident indicated a wind of 110°/8 kt. In his report, the pilot states that the weather was fine with occasional rain and overcast cloud at 2,000 feet. He assessed the cause of the accident as being due to his mishandling.