

No: 8/85

MICROLIGHT

Ref: EW/G85/05/21

**Aircraft type
and registration:**

Hiway Super Scorpion Wing Ultra, Sports Tripacer Trike G-MNIJ
(single engined microlight)

Year of Manufacture:

1981

Date and time (GMT):

30 May 1985 at 2045 hrs

Location:

Winterbourne Kingston, Dorset

Type of flight:

Private (pleasure)

Persons on board:

Crew — 1

Passengers — None

Injuries:

Crew — 1 (serious)

Passengers — None

Nature of damage:

Bottom tube, seat frame, and nosewheel mounting broken; A
frame damaged

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

45 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:**

Approximately 750 hours light aircraft and 500 hours microlight

Information Source:

BMAA Accident Report.

The surface wind was easterly at 10 to 12 kt. The aircraft took off into wind from undulating ground towards a hedge and some dead trees. At about 50 feet above ground level the starboard wing was seen to drop sharply. The aircraft entered a spiral dive and struck the ground in a fairly flat, slightly nose-down attitude. The pilot suffered spinal injuries. Subsequent investigation revealed no evidence of structural failure.