

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa XS, G-CEMI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2009	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 September 2009 at 1045 hrs	
Location:	Gloucestershire Airport, Gloucestershire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damaged propeller and nose leg	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	67 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	320 hours (of which 42 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Following an uneventful flight and approach to Runway 22 at Gloucestershire Airport, the aircraft initially landed on its main wheels but when the nose was lowered the aircraft became airborne again. This took the pilot by surprise and he attempted to apply power for a go-around, but the aircraft landed again on its nosewheel and bounced, followed by a heavy landing on all three landing gear legs. During this landing the propeller struck the ground and the nose leg was damaged. The pilot was uninjured and was able to exit the aircraft normally. The wind at the time was from 240° at 7 kt.

The pilot stated that, in his opinion, he had probably flared slightly late and as a result the aircraft's speed was still high at touchdown, leading to a bounce and the aircraft becoming airborne again. As the bounce was unexpected the pilot assessed that his reactions were not quick enough to initiate a go-around before the aircraft touched down again, this time on its nosewheel.