

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Thruster T600T, G-MZKT	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 582 UL-DCDI piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1998 (Serial no: 9038-T600T-023)	
Date & Time (UTC):	29 March 2014 at 1515 hrs	
Location:	Great Thorns Farm, Swaffham, Norfolk	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propeller, fuselage pod, windscreen, main landing gear and both wings	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	65 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,470 hours (of which 81 were on type) Last 90 days - 6 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft took off from Runway 07 with the reported wind from 100° at 10 kt. After a normal circuit, the pilot was approaching to land back on the same runway using the 'crab' method to compensate for the crosswind from the right. As the aircraft crossed the threshold, he changed to a right-wing-low technique and touched down on the right mainwheel first. He closed the throttle and the tailwheel settled on the ground. At that moment, a gust of wind lifted the right wing. The pilot was not able to correct using the ailerons and applied power to go around. The aircraft then veered to the left and the left mainwheel struck the raised, ploughed edge of the runway. As it left the runway and entered a rough grass field, the aircraft tipped onto its nose and left wingtip, rotating through about 180° before coming to rest in an upright attitude.

The pilot stated that his failure to anticipate the gust of wind coupled with his decision to go around - he believes the aircraft would otherwise have probably stopped on the runway - were the major factors in the accident.