

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pelican PL microlight, G-MPAC	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2001	
Date & Time (UTC):	12 May 2006 at 1600 hrs	
Location:	Clipgate Farm, Kent	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Front wheel collapsed, exhaust system, shock loading to engine	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	64 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	412 hours (of which 15 were on type) Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 10 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot reports that, on commencing his final approach to Clipgate during the return leg of a flight to Headcorn, he saw another aircraft on the runway. After returning to the circuit and making a second approach to land, at 60 mph with full flap selected, he flared the aircraft a little high causing it to bounce on touchdown. Instead of maintaining the aircraft's attitude during

the bounce, he believes that he must have relaxed the control column, allowing the aircraft to adopt a slightly nose down attitude; the nose wheel collapsed during the subsequent touchdown. After skidding to a halt, the pilot turned off the fuel and master switch and vacated the aircraft unhurt.