

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aeroprakt A22 Foxbat, G-FOXB	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2002 (Serial no: PFA 317-13878)	
Date & Time (UTC):	28 September 2014 at 1530 hrs	
Location:	Slieve Croob Airfield, Co Down	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to the wingtip and leading edge of right wing	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	44 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	337 hours (of which 15 were on type) Last 90 days - 13 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Slieve Croob Airstrip is a narrow grass strip 800 ft amsl, one mile south-east of the 1,752 ft summit of Slieve Croob in County Down, Northern Ireland. Bordering the west of the strip is a wooded area and with the wind in certain directions the airfield is known to experience 'rotor'¹ from the mountains.

The pilot reported he was on final approach to the grass strip 18 at Slieve Croob, with the reported wind from the south-west at 12 mph, when he experienced severe windshear. He applied power to go around, but he was unable to prevent the aircraft's right wingtip from making contact with a tree top. The aircraft then flew an uneventful circuit and landed safely. The pilot and his passenger were unhurt.

Footnote

¹ An eddy in which the air circulates around a horizontal axis, especially in the lee of a mountain.