

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Europa, G-OURO
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1995 (Serial no: PFA 247-12522)
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	31 March 2016 at 1400 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Holmbeck Airfield, Buckinghamshire
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1                      Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None                      Passengers - 1 (Minor)
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Nose landing gear collapsed, damage to propeller and engine cowl
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	70 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	281 hours (of which 85 were on type) Last 90 days - 1 hour Last 28 days - 1 hour
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot of G-OURO was preparing to take off in order to demonstrate the aircraft to a potential buyer. He taxied to grass Runway 29 which is 517 m long, and the wind was reported to be from 350° at 5 kt. He performed the power checks, briefed his passenger and selected half flap before applying full power for takeoff.

The first 50 m of the runway had an upslope but after this the aircraft accelerated normally and the pilot rotated at 50 kt, by which time they were about 400 m down the runway. The aircraft lifted off to a height of approximately 15 ft but then the right wing and nose dropped, causing the aircraft to strike the ground. It slid for about 10 m and slewed to the right before coming to a halt with the nose landing gear collapsed.

The pilot is unsure whether he had set the pitch trim incorrectly or had applied too much rearward movement of the control column.