

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Aerotechnik EV-97 Eurostar, G-CGOG	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912UL piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2010 (Serial no: LAA 315A-14980)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	7 May 2016 at 1335 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Whittles Farm Airstrip, Oxfordshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Nosewheel collapsed, propeller and firewall damaged	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	78 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	1,120 hours (of which 43 were on type) Last 90 days - 13 hours Last 28 days - 7 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot reported whilst returning to his home base at Whittles Farm Airstrip he made a "fairly fast" final approach to Runway 11. During the flare the aircraft was caught by a gust and this resulted in the aircraft making "significant" contact with the runway whilst still travelling quickly. The nose landing gear collapsed and the aircraft slid to a halt approximately two-thirds of the way along the 380 m long grass runway. The pilot was not injured.

The weather conditions were reported by the pilot as: light south-easterly breeze, good visibility and scattered cloud.

The CAA Safety Sense Leaflet 12, '*Strip Sense*', provides useful advice and guidance. It includes the comment: '*...you must know and fly the correct speeds for your aeroplane and remember the importance of using appropriate techniques, keeping the weight off the nosewheel...*'

The full Strip Sense leaflet can be downloaded from the CAA website<sup>1</sup>.

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**Footnote**

<sup>1</sup> <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/20130121SSL12.pdf>

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