

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	X'air Hawk, G-CEON	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Jabiru 2200A piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2008 (Serial no: PFA 340-14673)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	10 April 2016 at 1545 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Strathaven Airfield, Lanarkshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Propeller, nosewheel and cockpit screen damage	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	National Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	56 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	151 hours (of which 101 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

While back-tracking along grass Runway 09, the pilot noticed a "soggy patch" in the centre of the runway which he made a mental note to avoid during takeoff. He reached the end of the runway, turned and positioned the aircraft on the left-hand side and commenced the takeoff. The aircraft accelerated to approximately 40 mph, after which the pilot reported a deceleration coincident with another area of "soggy" runway. This deceleration caused the nose to dip, the nosewheel to detach and the propeller to contact the ground. The aircraft inverted and came to rest facing the opposite direction on its back.

The pilot and passenger, who were both wearing full harnesses, escaped uninjured. The pilot commented that, despite other aircraft taking off on the same runway, walking the runway to assess its condition prior to takeoff might have been wise.