

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Ikarus C42 FB80, G-CDRO	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2005 (Serial no: 0507-6750)	
Date & Time (UTC):	30 June 2016 at 1620 hrs	
Location:	Popham Airfield, Hampshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear leg collapsed	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	61 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	145 hours (of which 145 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had not flown for 10 months and had carried out a check flight with an instructor before conducting a session of solo circuits later that afternoon. The first three solo circuits were without incident. During the fourth circuit, shortly before the landing flare, the pilot was distracted by a radio message from the air/ground radio operator requesting his position. He then realised that the aircraft was high and slow and initiated a go-around. However, the aircraft bounced before climbing away.

During the subsequent landing the nose landing gear collapsed, having probably been damaged during the previous ground contact.