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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | Mercury, G-MYUB | |
| No & Type of Engines: | 1 Rotax 503 piston engine | |
| Year of Manufacture: | 1995 (Serial no: 1014-1194-7-W812) | |
| Date & Time (UTC): | 2 July 2017 at 1450 hrs | |
| Location: | Otherton Airfield, Staffordshire | |
| Type of Flight: | Private | |
| Persons on Board: | Crew - 1 | Passengers - 1 |
| Injuries: | Crew - 1 (Minor) | Passengers - None |
| Nature of Damage: | Pod/trike unit, nose gear, wing, propeller | |
| Commander's Licence: | National Private Pilot's Licence | |
| Commander's Age: | 42 years | |
| Commander's Flying Experience: | 38 hours (all on type) Last 90 days - 6 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours | |
| Information Source: | Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot | |

During a landing on grass Runway 34 at Otherton Airfield, the pilot reported that the microlight touched down initially on the main wheels followed, shortly after, by the nosewheel. As the nosewheel touched down, the nose gear collapsed and the aircraft tipped onto its left side; it travelled a further 10 ft before coming to rest. The passenger was uninjured but the pilot suffered minor injuries. The aircraft suffered significant damage.

A later inspection by a third party organisation identified a fatigue crack at the edge of a weld on the nose gear which failed under load during the landing.