

Accident

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Magic Cyclone, G-KEVA	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2013 (Serial no: AC-158)	
Date & Time (UTC):	16 August 2023 at 0730 hrs	
Location:	Glassonby Airfield, Cumbria	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Serious)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Substantial	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	79 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	Not known	
Information Source:	Enquiries by the AAIB	

History of the flight

As the pilot was about to taxi for takeoff at Runway 05 at Glassonby Airfield, he was seen to shut down the engine before leaving the cockpit to adjust a camera mounted on the wing. As he climbed back into the cockpit from the right side, the pilot reported that he probably knocked the hand throttle forward, which was mounted on the right side of the cockpit. His previous aircraft had the throttle mounted on the left side of the cockpit and this was only the second time he had flown G-KEVA.

The pilot could not remember if he fastened his safety harness. As he re-started the engine, the aircraft immediately accelerated and struck a wire fence and windsock tension cable at the side of the runway, where the pilot was thrown out of the aircraft. The pilot who sustained serious injuries was found trapped under the aircraft.

AAIB Comment

G-KEVA was a Single Seat Deregulated Aircraft. The pilot could recall little of the accident, but it is likely that he had not secured his harness before he started the engine. It is also likely that the aircraft suddenly accelerated across the ground as the throttle was open when the engine was started.