

FINAL REPORT

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In accordance with the provisions of SI 205 of 1997, the Chief Inspector of Air Accidents, on 31 May 2008, appointed Mr. Frank Russell as the Investigator-in-Charge to carry out a Field Investigation into this Accident and prepare a Synoptic Report.

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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | UFM 10 XXL, OK-MUA 78 |
| No. And Type of Engines: | 1 x Jabiru 22 A |
| Aircraft Serial Number: | XL53 |
| Year of Manufacture: | 2007 |
| Date and Time (UTC): | 31 May 2008 @ 12.00 hrs |
| Location: | Clonbullogue Airfield, Co. Offaly (EICL) |
| Type of Flight: | Private |
| Persons on Board: | Crew - 1 Passengers - 1 |
| Injuries: | Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil |
| Nature of Damage: | Substantial |
| Commander's Licence: | Private Pilots Licence (Microlight) |
| Commander's Details: | Male, aged 49 years |
| Commander's Flying Experience: | 138 hours, of which 43 were on type |
| Notification Source: | Manager, Clonbullogue Airfield |
| Information Source: | AAIU Report Form submitted by the Pilot. AAIU Field Investigation |

SYNOPSIS

OK-MUA 78, a SAMBA microlight, struck the airfield boundary wire fence following an attempted go-around. Both Pilot and Passenger exited the aircraft safely.

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1. FACTUAL INFORMATION

1.1 History of the Flight

The accident aircraft was one of two SAMBA microlights, which routed from Abbeyshrule Airfield in loose formation to Clonbullogue Airfield. On landing Runway (RWY) 09, where the wind was SSW 230/06 kts, the aircraft bounced slightly and veered to the left. The Pilot applied full power for a go-around but lost directional control; the aircraft struck and stopped at the airfield boundary wire fence. Here, the aircraft swung on this impact through almost 180 degrees (**Photo No. 1**). The Pilot switched off all electrics and fuel and both he and his passenger vacated the aircraft safely. There was no fire.

1.2 Damage

There was serious impact damage to the aircraft, including the front nose wheel, propeller, righthand main gear, wing and lefthand wing.



Photo No. 1: Impacted airfield boundary wire fence and broken posts.

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