

FINAL REPORT

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In accordance with the provisions of SI 205 of 1997, the Chief Inspector of Air Accidents, on 11/09/2007, appointed Mr. Paddy Judge as the Investigator-in-Charge to carry out a Field Investigation into this Incident and prepare a Synoptic Report.

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Schleicher ASK-16, EI-AYR
No. and Type of Engines:	1, Volkswagen Limbach 2000EB1
Aircraft Serial Number:	16022
Year of Manufacture:	1974
Date and Time (UTC):	10 September 2007 @ 18.00 hrs
Location:	Kilrush Airfield, Co. Kildare
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers – 1
Injuries:	Crew - Nil Passengers – Nil
Nature of Damage:	Propeller damage
Commander's Licence:	PPL-TMG (Tour Motor Gliding)
Commander's Details:	Male, aged 36 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	161 hours (of which 41 were on type)
Notification and Information Source:	AAIU Report Form submitted by Pilot

SYNOPSIS

When landing the gear was not extended and a wheels-up landing ensued. Minor damage resulted. There was no injury or fire.

1. FACTUAL INFORMATION

The aircraft is a motorised tail wheel glider. The weather was fine with the wind estimated at 290°/10-12 knots, directly down the grass runway. The pilot was performing right hand circuits while adhering to local noise abatement guidelines. He remembered putting his hand on the undercarriage lever and believed he had lowered it for landing. On landing, the propeller was damaged and some slight damage to the undercarriage doors resulted as the aircraft contacted the grass runway. When the aircraft was later lifted the landing gear extended normally.

The pilot stated candidly that he had probably not lowered the landing gear.

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