

Accident Description.

Status: **Final**
Date: **17 NOV 2007**
Time: **17: 00 LT**
Type: **Apollo Fox 912**
Operator: **Private**
Registration: **59-CTC**
C/N / msn: **ULM – msn: B060407**
Manufacture Date: **2007**
Engine(s): **1x Rotax 912 UL.**
Crew: **Occupants: 1**
Aircraft Damage : **Wing damaged, Nose landing gear and propeller damaged**

Location: **In a field in Dergneau; 27km SSE of EBKT.**
Phase: **Landing.**
Nature: **Local flight**
Departure Airport: **Maubeuge airport - LFQJ**
Destination Airport: **id**
Flight Number: **N/A**

Narrative:

The aircraft took off from LFQJ at 15:40 LT for a local flight to Condé-sur Escaut and back to LFQJ. After a while, the pilot got lost over Belgium, and around 17.00 LT, decided to perform a field landing before dusk.

The pilot located a field reasonably flat, and attempted a landing. The aircraft hit a separation fence upon landing roll, and rolled upside down.

Cause of the accident.

The flight was initiated quite late in the afternoon, leaving no alternative to the pilot but a field landing when he became lost. Visibility at dusk is poor, and therefore the fence was not noticed by the pilot during recce of the landing place. A contributive factor is the lack of experience of the pilot (total experience: 188 h, from which 68 in ULM, 16h during the last 6 months; experience with the Apollo Fox: 17 h).

Safety recommendations.

None, except the use of this example during ULM pilots safety awareness meetings.