

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Maule MX-7-180B Star Rocket, G-URUS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-C1F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1998	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 November 2011 at 1200 hrs	
Location:	Treborough Airfield, Somerset	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Engine cowling, propeller and empennage damaged, engine shock-loaded	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	52 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	324 hours (of which 100 were on type) Last 90 days - 20 hours Last 28 days - 9 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot, who was experienced in operating from grass strip airfields, was visiting Treborough Airfield for the first time. After overflying the airfield and assessing the surface wind as 200° at 10 kt, he flew a right-hand circuit to position the aircraft to land on Runway 25, which has a grass surface approximately 800 m in length and a slight upslope. During the landing the aircraft experienced a strong gust of wind from the left

and the aircraft ground looped, coming to rest inverted. Despite sustaining mild concussion and a hand injury in the accident, the pilot was able to vacate the aircraft quickly, amid a strong smell of fuel. He considered that the primary contributory factor in the accident was the gusting crosswind caused by the undulating terrain surrounding the airstrip.