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Aircraft Type and Registration: Socata Rallye MS 893E, G-BBGC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A3A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date and Time (UTC): 19 June 1988 at 1530 hrs

Location: Odiham Airfield, Hampshire

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew -1 Passengers -None

Injuries: Crew -None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to left landing gear and lower fuselage skin in area of the wing root

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 28 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 813 hours (of which 145 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was making an approach to runway 05 at Odiham with a northerly 8 kt wind. He described his final approach as "steep side slipping" with his aircraft approaching the runway from the right. The side slip was terminated at a height of 20 feet and the pilot reported a high rate of descent with an airspeed of 60 kts. He expected the rate of descent to reduce in the landing flare but when this did not happen he applied full power. The aircraft struck the runway hard, left landing gear first and then remained on the ground. The aircraft was taxied from the runway and then the damage was discovered on inspection. Although the pilot could not remember seeing the leading edge slats deploying during the approach, they were found to be extended by about 30% when the aircraft was inspected.