

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Morane Saulnier Rallye 235E, G-BWWG	
No & type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-540-B4B5 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1979	
Date & Time (UTC):	28 June 2006 at 1314 hrs	
Location:	Mullaghmore, Northern Ireland	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passenger - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passenger - None
Nature of Damage:	Propeller and nose landing gear leg, lower engine cowling scraped	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	73 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	450 hours (of which 266 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The approach was normal but just before touchdown the pilot realised that the aircraft was a little too fast and it bounced. On the second touchdown the nose landing gear leg collapsed.

History of the flight

On arrival at the destination airfield the pilot carried out a left orbit and noted that there appeared to be no other aircraft in the circuit or moving on the ground.

He then positioned the aircraft into a left-hand circuit for Runway 18 and noted that the windsock indicated a light southerly wind. The approach was normal but just before touchdown the pilot realised that the aircraft was a little too fast and it bounced. On the second touchdown the nose landing gear leg collapsed. The pilot considers that the accident was caused by touching down too fast and the resulting bounce overstressed the nose leg assembly.