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Aircraft Type and Registration: Morane Saulnier MS.880B Rallye Club, G-AZEE

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental O-200-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1962

Date & Time (UTC): 27 February 1994 at 1540 hrs

Location: North Coates Airfield, South Humberside

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to nosewheel, propeller, engine and cowling

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 54 hours (of which 33 were on type)
Last 90 days - 5 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a one hour local flight, the aircraft returned for a flapless approach and landing on Runway 24. The pilot reported that the aircraft bounced on initial touchdown and became airborne again. At this point, a wind gust caused the aircraft to roll to the right and pitch-up. The pilot attempted to correct the flightpath, and pushed the stick forward in an attempt to regain flying speed. The nosewheel then hit the runway and collapsed. The aircraft slid along the concrete surface and came to a halt. There was no fire, and the occupants vacated the aircraft by the normal means.

The pilot commented that he had no previous experience of recovery from a bounced landing.