

No: 8/85

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Aircraft type and registration: Isaac's Fury G-BIHY (light single engined bi-plane)

Year of Manufacture: 1984

Date and time (GMT): 19 June 1985 at 1140 hrs

Location: Ronaldsway Airport, Isle of Man

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Substantial

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 46 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 290 hours (of which 9 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot, and ATC report.

With the wind given at 160°/6 kt, the aircraft began a take-off on runway 18. As the tail lifted, the slipstream struck the pilot forcibly and he pulled his goggles down. Whilst he was doing this, the aircraft drifted off to the left edge of the runway so he pushed the nose down and attempted to re-align on the runway centreline. Realising that he had over-corrected, the pilot closed the throttle, whereupon the aircraft ground looped to starboard and came to rest inverted on the grass to the right side of the runway.

Air Traffic Control immediately initiated "Light Aircraft Accident" procedure, but there was no fire and the pilot climbed out of the aircraft unaided.