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Aircraft Type and Registration: Scheibe SF25B Falke, G-BFPA

No & Type of Engines: 1 Stark-Stamo MS 1500 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1971

Date & Time (UTC): 9 May 1992 at 1540 hrs

Location: Cold Kirby airstrip, Yorkshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller broken, and substantial damage to forward fuselage and wings

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 295 hours (of which 260 were on type)
Last 90 days - 2 hours
Last 28 days - 15 minutes

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reports that he made a normal approach and landing in fine weather on a grass strip with which he was familiar. Shortly after touch down he noticed that a fine mesh electrical sheepnet had been laid across the runway and so he decided to go around. He selected the carburettor heat to COLD and simultaneously opened the throttle, however, the engine spluttered and did not immediately produce full power. The aircraft failed to become fully airborne before crashing into a wire fence and dry stone wall at the end of the strip. The pilot, who had been restrained by a full harness, was uninjured and vacated the aircraft via the normal exit.

The grass strip is aligned east to west and is 430 yards in length. The surface wind was variable in direction at five knots or less. In his concise and frank accident report, the pilot states that he considers that his late decision to go around and possibly his too rapid opening of the throttle thus causing a rich cut, may have contributed to the failure of the aircraft to become airborne again in the distance available.