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Aircraft Type and Registration: Slingsby T61A Falke, G-AYUR

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

Year of Manufacture: 1971

Date & Time (UTC): 5 December 1992 at 1500 hrs

Location: Strubby Airfield, Lincolnshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - Minor

Nature of Damage: None

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 60 hours (of which 39 were on type)
Last 90 days - 2 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

In order to reach the intended take-off area, the aircraft had to be taxied through a gap in a low fence. On approaching the gap, the pilot became concerned about the clearance between the aircraft's left wing tip and the fence. He stopped the aircraft and asked his passenger, who held a PPL, to leave the aircraft and walk beside the left wing tip to ensure adequate clearance from the fence. Egress from the Falke cockpit is between the wing leading edge and the propeller. The passenger who was seated in the right hand seat, left the aircraft and started to move towards the rotating propeller. The pilot immediately stopped the engine while shouting a warning, but was unable to prevent his passenger sustaining minor injury to his left hand caused by contact with the propeller.