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Aircraft Type and Registration: Fournier RF3, G-BLXH

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rectimo 4AR-1200 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1964

Date & Time (UTC): 26 April 1991 at 1848 hrs

Location: Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Minor to propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 118 hours (of which 37 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During a transit flight from Eaglescott, near Barnstaple Devon to Redhill in good weather, the engine of G-BLXH stopped. The pilot transmitted a MAYDAY call which he later cancelled when the engine had been re-started. Some minutes later the engine stopped again but once more it was re-started. The pilot was given ATC clearance through the Gatwick Special Rules Zone direct to Redhill for a straight-in approach. Despite a late call of "Gear Check" from the Redhill controller, the aircraft was landed with the landing gear retracted.