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Aircraft Type and Registration: Rutan Long-Ez Longeze, G-BNCZ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-2C2 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1988

Date & Time (UTC): 1 September 1991 at 1140 hrs

Location: Crosland Moor Airfield, West Yorkshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to landing gear, propeller and lower cowling

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC rating

Commander's Age: 62 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 474 hours (of which 200 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was making an approach to runway 07 at Crosland Moor airfield. The runway consists of a level area of grass 250 metres in length joined to a strip of asphalt 640 metres in length with a gradient of 2.6% down. The ground rises steeply before the start of the grass landing area forming a lip. There was no significant weather at the time with a visibility of five kilometres in haze and a surface wind from the east of five to eight knots. Whilst attempting to land "on the numbers" the aircraft landed short with the landing gear hitting the lip of rising ground. The landing gear, propeller and lower engine cowling suffered substantial damage as the aircraft came to rest on its nose. The pilot, who was wearing a full harness, vacated the aircraft without injury.