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Aircraft type and registration: Beagle A 61 G-ASZX

No & Type of engines: 1 De Havilland Gypsy Major 10 Mk 1—1 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1964

Date and time (UTC): 12 August 1987 at 1500 hrs

Location: Westcott Farm, Near Moretonhampstead, Devon

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Bent propeller and damage to engine mounts and cowling. Left wing tip leading edge crushed. Canopies broken

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 260 hours (of which 62 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The aircraft was landing in a field which had an available length for landing of 475 metres running over the crest of a hill. There was little or no wind but the pilot had previously assessed it as a 5 knot tail wind. After a normal touch down, the ground run was fairly fast and the aircraft ran down the slope with little retardation from the brakes. It ran through a wire fence and hedge before coming to rest on its nose in a small lane which bordered the field. Both occupants escaped unhurt but it was noticed later that their webbing shoulder harness had broken at or near the fixing points on the seat backs.