MW6-S, G-MZBG

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Aircraft Type and Registration: MW6-S, G-MZBG

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 503 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1996

Date & Time (UTC): 10 September 2000 at 1833 hrs

Location: Breidden Strip, Pool Quay, Welshpool, Powys

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - 1 (Minor) - Passengers - 1 (Minor)

Nature of Damage: Fibreglass pod severely damaged, lift struts damaged

beyond repair

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 245 hours (of which 8 were on type)

Last 90 days - 7 hours

Last 28 days - 0 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot planned a brief circuit training flight in his two-seat micro-light aircraft. On one approach, which was slightly shallower than normal, the aircraft started to sink toward the ground at a distance of some 80 metres from the touchdown point. The pilot applied full power to commence a go-around and, because the aircraft was sinking rapidly, he continued to pull back on the control column. The aircraft's nose attitude became steep and the right wing dropped, but the descent was not arrested and the aircraft landed on the airstrip boundary hedge and came rapidly to a halt. Both occupants vacated the aircraft with only minor injuries.

In his report the pilot considered that the aircraft had stalled during the attempted go-around.