

Morane Saulnier MS 883, G-BIIK

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Morane Saulnier MS 883, G-BIIK	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-C2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1970	
Date & Time (UTC):	18 May 2004 at 1530 hrs	
Location:	Castle Bytham Farm Strip, near Cottesmore, Rutland	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Right gear and wingtip and both slats	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	57 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	435 hours (of which 16 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 8 hours	
	Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After an uneventful flight from Fenland Airfield, the pilot made an approach to Runway 15 at Castle Bytham. He had previously operated at the strip, which had a 500 metre long surface of dry grass. The weather was good with a forecast surface wind of 270°/ 05 kt. Nearby smoke and the windsock appeared to confirm the accuracy of the forecast wind.

Touch down was approximately 100 metres into the strip and at 50 to 55 kt. The application of brakes appeared to have no effect and as the aircraft approached the end of the strip, the pilot turned off the magnetos to stop the engine. G-BIIK impacted the hedge bordering the strip.

Subsequent to the accident, the pilot confirmed that there were no problems with the aircraft brake system. He considered that he probably landed with a slight tailwind and should have made an early decision to go-around.