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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna F150K, G-AYGC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental O-200A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1970

Date & Time (UTC): 23 November 1991 at 1215 hrs

Location: Rossendale airstrip, Lancashire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Propeller, upper engine cowling, tail fin, rudder and wings sustained visible damage

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

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 375 hours (of which 203 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The grass runway is 400 metres long and orientated 300°/120°. Runway 30 has an uphill gradient and on this day the surface was wet. The wind was southwesterly at about 10 kt but, as Pooley's Flight Guide recommends "...landing runway 30 unless strong winds from south to east", the pilot chose this option.

The pilot states that the approach path passed directly over a farmhouse at a safe height and that, despite the uphill gradient of the runway, the aircraft floated a long way before the touchdown, following which, the brakes were ineffective. He therefore opened the throttle to full power in an attempt to go-around but, after a few seconds, when it became apparent that this would be unsuccessful, he closed it again. The aircraft overran the runway into long grass and overturned.

There was no fire and the occupants unfastened their lapstrap and diagonal safety harnesses and left the aircraft through their respective doors.