ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Denney Kitfox Mk 3, G-DJNH

No & type of Engines: 1 Rotax 582 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1991

Date & Time (UTC): 13 July 2006 at 1355 hrs

Location: Old Sarum Airfield, Wiltshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to left landing gear, left wing tip and propeller

Commander's Licence: Air Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 60 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 24,395 hours (of which 40 were on type)

Last 90 days - 25 hours Last 28 days - 15 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Synopsis

The pilot reported that the aircraft encountered a gust of wind shortly after takeoff which caused the aircraft to contact the ground.

Circumstances

The aircraft was taking off from the grass Runway 06 at Old Sarum. The surface wind was reported by the

pilot as being from 030°(M) at 15 kt and gusty. At an estimated 5 ft above the runway, a gust of wind caught the aircraft, causing the left landing gear to contact the ground and collapse. The left wing tip also suffered slight damage. The pilot and his passenger, who were both wearing full harnesses, were uninjured and able to leave the aircraft through the normal door.

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