

No: 11/84

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Aircraft type and registration: Clutton Fred Series III G-BISG (single-engined ultralight aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and time (GMT): 12 August 1984 at 1700 hrs

Location: Mount Pleasant, near Lymington, Hants

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Undercarriage collapsed, damage to fuselage and cabane struts

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's total flying experience: 71 hours (of which 3 hours are on type)

Information Source: Accident Report Form submitted by pilot.

After a normal take-off and whilst climbing through approximately 100 feet agl, the aircraft's engine "coughed" once, but regained full power. A right-hand turn was executed and the engine lost power for a short period followed by power surges of increasing violence.

Since he was unable to maintain height, the pilot elected to force land in a very rough field, stalling the aircraft from a height of 15-20 feet onto some tall bushes. The aircraft dropped heavily, but with little forward momentum, onto its undercarriage which collapsed upwards and inwards.

The pilot, who was uninjured, has stated that although he suspects fuel starvation as the cause of the power loss, the precise reason for the engine malfunction has not yet been determined.