

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Maule M5-235C Lunar Rocket, G-RAIN	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-540-J1A5D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1979	
Date & Time (UTC):	22 August 2008 at 1725 hrs	
Location:	Perrow Farm, Crickham, Somerset	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - 1 (Serious)
Nature of Damage:	Extensive	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	57 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	14,502 hours (of which 60 were on type) Last 90 days - 50 hours Last 28 days - 15 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

Whilst approaching to land at Perrow Farm, the aircraft struck the bank of the airstrip boundary ditch and pitched nose-down. It came to rest inverted, approximately 50 m further on. There was no fire. The pilot, who was uninjured, vacated the aircraft through the cabin door but the passenger, who suffered serious injuries, had to be assisted from the aircraft.

The pilot advised that he was deliberately low and slow on approach which, together with a gust of tailwind, resulted in an uncontrollable sink into the obstacle.