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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): 20 April 1991 at 1340 hrs

Location: Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Propeller and engine, fuselage nose section and leading edge slat damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 41 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 81 hours (of which 52 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

When the aircraft took off from runway 12, although there had been a recent shower associated with frontal activity, there was bright sunshine and the windsock showed a wind of 030° at about 10 kt. Following a normal take-off and a short flight in the local area, the pilot decided to land ahead of the arrival of another shower.

A standard final approach to runway 12 culminated in passing over the boundary hedge, with full flap selected, at a speed of 55-60 kt and a little higher than normal, which resulted in a slightly late touchdown. The pilot states that neither event gave him any cause for alarm and that, under normal circumstances, there was ample runway remaining. However, when he gently applied the brakes, he felt the wheels skid on the short wet grass and, although the aircraft had very nearly stopped, he was unable to prevent it from running into a bush on the boundary fence at the end of the strip.