

Rebel, G-BWFZ

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Rebel, G-BWFZ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1999

Date & Time (UTC): 15 June 1999 at 2020 hrs

Location: St Michaels, Nr Garstang, Lancashire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to propeller, engine mounting, cowling and fuselage

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 52 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 346 hours (of which 7 were on type)
Last 90 days - 11 hours
Last 28 days - 7 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was attempting to land on the 425 metre long, dry grass surface, Runway 22 with a westerly surface wind of less than 5 kt. The aircraft was being flown at a speed of 45 kt and was a little high on the approach in order to ensure that it was clear of some cables under the approach path. The aircraft then floated more than expected before it touched down and bounced. Another period of float was experienced before the final touchdown. By this stage, the pilot considered that it was too late to commence a go-around as a dyke embankment was present at the end of the landing strip. The pilot applied the brakes quite hard in an attempt to stop. The tail of the aircraft came up and the propeller struck the ground.

The aircraft came to rest near the end of the landing strip on its nose. The occupants vacated by the normal means.