

SCF Technoavia SMG-92 Finist, HA-YDF, 4 November 2002

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: SCF Technoavia SMG-92 Finist, HA-YDF

No & Type of Engines: 1 Walter M601D-2 turboprop engine

Year of Manufacture: 2000

Date & Time (UTC): 4 November 2002

Location: Hibaldstow Airfield, Lincolnshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1

Passengers -
None

Injuries: Crew - None

Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilots Licence

Commander's Age: 51 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,000 hours (of which 200 were on type)

Last 90 days - 100 hours

Last 28 days - 25 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The SMG-92 is an all metal high wing monoplane with a conventional tailwheel landing gear, powered by a single turboprop engine. The aircraft was carrying out a parachute dropping flight from Hibaldstow Airfield. Before departure the pilot changed his headset and put the one he was not using on the floor next to his seat. The aircraft took off, climbed up to 4,000 feet, carried out a successful parachute drop and then returned to land on the tarmac Runway 26.

The weather conditions were fine with the surface wind being light and variable. At the end of the landing roll the pilot tried to apply some left rudder to keep the aircraft straight, but he found that the rudder was jammed. He then tried to apply left brake, but it was also jammed. The aircraft veered off to the right side of the runway into an area of ploughed field, where the soft mud caused some damage to the propeller.

The pilot subsequently found that the spare headset had become lodged behind the left rudder pedal, thus preventing pedal movement.