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Aircraft Type and Registration: Morane Saulnier Rallye 150SV, G-KHRE

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and Time (UTC): 2 July 1989 at 1620 hrs

Location: Sandown, Isle of Wight

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 3

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed, consequent damage to propeller and engine cowling.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 34 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 56 hours (of which 4 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After an approach when the pilot was distracted by an aircraft taking off ahead of him, the aircraft crossed the threshold at 65 kt. At about 20 feet agl, as the pilot prepared to round out, he experienced an increased sink rate which he was unable to correct before the wheels touched the ground. The aircraft bounced to a height estimated by the pilot to have been about 5 feet before landing again on all 3 wheels and bouncing again. After the third touchdown, when the aircraft had slowed to 15-20 kt, the nose landing gear collapsed. The pilot stated that in the area of his second touchdown the runway sloped upwards and the surface was very hard and uneven.