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Aircraft Type and Registration: Maule MX-7-180, G-MORL

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-C1F piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1990

Date and Time (UTC): 29 September 1990 at 1510 hrs

Location: Newcastle International Airport, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage to left wing-tip, aileron and main landing gear

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Night rating

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 138 hours (of which 3 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reports that he intended to carry out a local flight from Newcastle Airport. When he received take-off clearance on runway 25 from ATC he was requested to 'expedite'. In complying with this request he lined the aircraft up to the left of the runway centre line and opened the throttle more quickly than usual. A swing to the left developed and the left main landing gear struck and destroyed a runway light. This tipped the aircraft further to the left resulting in the left wing-tip contacting the ground. After the aircraft was brought to a stop, the engine was shut down and both occupants disembarked without injury. The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 220°/5 knots.