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Aircraft Type and Registration: Colibri MB2, G-BNDT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Volkswagen 1834 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1982

Date & Time (UTC): 18 December 1994 at 1545 hrs

Location: Brighton, Selby, North Yorkshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller destroyed

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 25 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,400 hours (of which 5 were on type)
Last 90 days - 250 hours
Last 28 days - 30 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Before starting the engine by swinging the propeller, the pilot had installed chocks in front of the mainwheels, set the throttle and turned on the magneto switches. The engine started normally but accelerated to a power setting which caused the tail to lift sufficiently for the propeller to strike the ground, at which point the engine stalled.

The pilot subsequently judged that he had made an error in setting the throttle.