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Aircraft Type and Registration: Steen Skybolt, G-BNKG

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming IO-360-A1B6D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date and Time (UTC): 9 June 1989 at 1340 hrs

Location: Walton Woods

Type of Flight: Private (business)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Minor - to propeller and lower left and top right wing extremities

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 416 hours (of which 65 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot, CAA Occurrence Report, and AAIB telephone enquiries

The aircraft was en route from Netherthorpe to Glenrothes via Newcastle. Earlier that day the pilot had been obliged to return to Netherthorpe because of deteriorating weather, and during a second attempt that afternoon in the vicinity of Wetherby, Yorks, decided to divert to Walton Wood near Pontefract in order to await an improvement in the weather to the north.

The pilot had landed there some months previously and overflew the field to re-familiarize himself with the local features. The 650 metre long grass strip is aligned 06/24, and the cloud base at the site was estimated to be at 2,500 feet with a visibility of 10 km and wind 190°/05 kt.

A normal approach was made to runway 24 and the aircraft was flared over the runway at 80 mph, touched down, became airborne again, and started to drift to the right. The pilot initiated a go-around but by this time the aircraft had encountered a 5 foot high crop to the side of the runway, and sank to the ground sustaining minor damage.

The pilot was wearing 2 harnesses, a 5 point harness, a 2 point harness, and a helmet. The pilot was uninjured, there was no fire.