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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Maule MX7-180, N30051

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

**Year of Manufacture:** 1993

**Date & Time (UTC):** 29 January 1995 at 1200 hrs

**Location:** Balne Croft Airstrip, North Humberside

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and FAA Ratings

**Commander's Age:** 35 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 993 hours (of which 107 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 13 hours  
Last 28 days - 5 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The grass strip at Balne Croft is situated in an area which, unknown to the pilot, was rapidly becoming flooded. Following a normal approach and landing on Runway 26, whilst still travelling at about 20 kt, the aircraft encountered an area of standing water causing it to pitch over onto its nose. There was no fire and the pilot's lap and diagonal safety harness remained intact.