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Aircraft Type

and Registration:

Mitchell-Proctor Kittiwake 1, G-BBRN

No & Type of Engines:

1 Continental O-200-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

1971

Date and Time (UTC):

16 September 1989 at 0950 hrs

Location:

Dobson Farm, Llanellen, Gwent

Type of Flight:

Private

Persons on Board:

Crew - 1

Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew - None

Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nosewheel detached from nose landing gear

Commander's Licence:

Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

48 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience:

5,500 hours (of which 4 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During a flight from Haverfordwest, S.Wales to Panshanger, Herts the pilot encountered heavy rain and low cloud in the area of Abergavenny. Besides the deteriorating weather he was also concerned about an apparently high oil temperature reading so he decided to make a precautionary landing in a field from which he knew there were occasional glider operations. Having completed a low level inspection of the chosen landing area, and after a normal touch down, the nose wheel detached during the landing roll.

In spite of repeated requests for information, an Aircraft Accident Report Form was not received from the pilot until 6 June 1990.