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Aircraft Type and Registration: Scheibe SF25B, G-AXIW

No & Type of Engines: 1 Stark-Stamo MS 1500/2v piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1969

Date & Time (UTC): 27 April 1991 at 1618 hrs

Location: Halesland Airfield, Somerset

Type of Flight: Private (training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller and canopy shattered; engine shock-loaded; whip-lash damage to wings and distortion of rear fuselage.

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence with Instructor rating

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 5,375 hours (of which 40 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was in use for circuit training and practice engine failures. Two normal circuits and touch-and-go landings had been flown when, on the third take-off, the instructor closed the throttle at a height of about 30 feet. The student abruptly lowered the nose and the instructor had insufficient time to correct the aircraft's attitude before it struck the ground in a pitch attitude of about 20° nose down. The nose dug into the soft surface and ploughed a furrow before the aircraft bounced slightly. The tail rose to the near vertical before the second impact but fell back again allowing the aircraft to come to rest in a normal attitude. Both occupants were wearing full safety harnesses which held on impact.