No: 11/89 Ref: EW/G89/07/35 Category: 1c

Aircraft Type

and Registration: Morane Saulnier MS.893E, G-BKOA

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A1A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and Time (UTC): 6 July 1989 at 0900 hrs

Location: Woodford Airfield, near Macclesfield, Cheshire

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's Total
Flying Experience: 177 hours (of which 20 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Having received ATC clearance to taxi to the hold of runway 07, the aircraft moved forward from the line of aircraft in which it had been parked. It turned right through 90° and passed in front of the aircraft on its immediate right. It then veered to the right and struck a parked and unoccupied Grob motor glider causing extensive damage to the engine and sub frame of the motor glider. The pilot states that his use of the left wheel brake failed to stop the swing to the right and that his use of both brakes failed to stop his aircraft in time. The taxiing aircraft was subjected to a gusting wind greater than 9 kt from its right quarter. Later examination of the braking system and castoring nose wheel did not reveal any defect.