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Aircraft Type and Registration: Denney Kitfox Mk 3, G-BURB

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 582 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1993

Date & Time (UTC): 6 May 1995 at 1306 hrs

Location: Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield, Warwickshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Severe damage to the whole aircraft

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 39 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 217 hours (of which 25 were on type)

Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

In conditions of no wind, the pilot made a normal approach to land on the grass Runway 36 and flared at about 65 mph. The touchdown was firm and the aircraft bounced about three feet into the air. The pilot states that he then held the controls still to await the second touchdown, but the aircraft bounced again, this time much higher, so he centralised the controls and applied full power to make a go-around. The aircraft then yawed and rolled to the left towards some parked aircraft and, the pilot, believing that control had been regained, attempted to turn back to the right. This caused the right wing to drop and the aircraft to spiral nose down into the ground. It cartwheeled before coming to rest upright and facing south. There was no fire, and the accident was attended by the aerodrome fire service and the local authority emergency services.

Both occupants were wearing four point harnesses and, although neither sustained serious injury, the pilot needed to assist the passenger, who was dazed and had a bruised back, from the cockpit. Both were then taken to a nearby hospital for examination and then released.