



improve the manoeuvrability of the aircraft but was unable to avoid a wood which was downwind from the position where he suffered engine failure. The aircraft struck the trees in a nose down attitude banked 20° to the right. There was no fire but the student died from his injuries before reaching hospital. Both sets of 5 point harnesses had suffered partial failure.

Strip examination of the engine revealed significant quantities of water in the fuel filter bowl and engine driven pump together with large quantities of bacteria which indicated that water had been present for some time.

No evidence of any pre-crash defect in the flying control system or the engine was found.