

Rans S6-ESD, G-MYXG, 28 April 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration:Rans S6-ESD, G-MYXG

No & Type of Engines:1 Rotax 503 2-V piston engine

Year of Manufacture:1995

Date & Time (UTC):28 April 1996 at 1500 hrs

Location:Middleton Sands Beach, Morecambe, Lancs

Type of Flight:Private

Persons on Board:Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries:Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage:Extensive to nose cage, nose and main landing gear and enginecowling

Commander's Licence:Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:77 years

Commander's Flying Experience:402 hours (of which 1 was on type)

Last 90 days - 5 hours

Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source:Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was being flown from Middleton Sands beach where the condition of the surface was hard and dry. The weather was fine with good visibility, light winds and little cloud. During the final approach to land the pilot reported that he misjudged the height of the aircraft above an extensive area of smooth sand allowing it to bounce on initial contact. The aircraft then stalled and pitched nose first into the sand. The pilot and passenger, who were wearing lap diagonal seat belts, vacated the aircraft uninjured.