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Aircraft Type and Registration: QAC Quickie Q2 (Home Built), G-BMZG

No & Type of Engines: 1 Revmaster 2100-DQ piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1987

Date and Time (UTC): 4 July 1988 at 1117 hrs

Location: Wycombe Air Park, Booker, Bucks

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial - fractured left wing, and propeller ground strike

Commander's Licence Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 57 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 213 hours (of which 15 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot, and an AAIB telephone enquiry

A weather forecast was obtained at Cranfield, and the pilot embarked on a flight from Cranfield to Southampton.

Upon encountering heavy rain and lowering cloud, the aircraft diverted to Wycombe Air Park, the planned alternate, with the assistance of London Radar. The wind was 170°M at 8 kt, and after one approach to runway 25 and a go-around the pilot reports that the cloud base was 700-800 feet downwind and lower on the approach.

He was aware of the wet short runway, and was reluctant to consider a further go-around in case he lost sight of the airfield. A firm touchdown was made, sufficient to fracture the left wing (canard) at about the half span position causing the aircraft to swing off the runway to the left. The aircraft came to rest by the adjacent parallel grass runway, and the pilot, who was wearing full harness was uninjured.