ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Taylor Titch, G-BABE

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston

engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973 (Serial no: PFA 1394)

Date & Time (UTC): 15 December 2013 at 1205 hrs

Location: Netherthorpe Airfield, Nottinghamshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - 1 (Minor) Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Aircraft destroyed

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 53 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 271 hours (of which 33 were on type)

Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The pilot was taking off on Runway 24 at Netherthorpe, which is grass and has a Take Off Run Available (TORA) of 490 m. The pilot states that the wind was from 200° at 4 kt, although other observers estimated that the wind strength was closer to 10 kt. The aircraft became airborne just after the Runway 18/36 intersection (about ½ of its length) and started to climb away. The pilot reported that at a height of about 12 ft, a gust of wind from the left caused the aircraft to roll to the right and the right wingtip struck the ground. It 'cartwheeled' and came to rest in a field some 20 yards to the right of the runway. Despite severe damage to the aircraft, the pilot, who suffered only minor injury, was able to evacuate through a hole in the lower fuselage made when the wings had detached.

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