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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT

					Reference	: C	A18/2/3/80	19
Aircraft Registration ZS-KKU		D	ate of Accident	2 October 2005		Time of	Accident	1100Z
Type of Aircraft	Р	PIPER PA38-112		Type of Operation		n	Private	
Pilot-in-command Licence Type			Private	Age	37	Licence	Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience		nce	Total Flying Hours		87.3	Hours or	п Туре	30.1
Last point of departure Cape			pe Town International Airport FACT					
Next point of intended landing Priv		Priva	Private Runway near Malmesbury, Western Province					
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)								
Off runway 36 at Malmesbury Aerodrome, Western Province								
Meteorological Inform	ation The	The weather was fine. Surface wind: 230°/5-8 kts; Temperature: 20°C.						
Number of people on board 1 + 1		No. of people in	jured	0 1	No. of peopl	e killed	0	
Synopsis			•				•	

The pilot was accompanied by a passenger on a VFR private flight from Cape Town International Airport to Malmesbury Aerodrome. After flying for approximately 20 minutes, they arrived overhead Malmesbury Aerodrome and the pilot carried out the standard overhead joining procedures. He then selected full flaps on final approach for landing on runway 36 at an Indicated Air Speed (IAS) of approximately 60 kts. Upon landing, however, the pilot allowed the aircraft to touch down, approximately halfway down the runway, and applied excessive braking in an attempt to stop before the end of the runway. He lost directional control and the aeroplane departed the runway to the left and rolled onto the grass. He then applied right rudder, but the aircraft hit a trench in the sand, causing the right-hand main wheel to separate.

The aircraft also sustained slight damage to the right-hand flap. The pilot and passenger were not injured.

According to the chief instructor of the flying club, the pilot misread the windsock and selected runway 36 which had a downwind component in excess of 5 knots. After touchdown, the pilot realised that he had insufficient runway left and "slammed" on the brakes. This caused asymmetrical braking which resulted in the aircraft departing from the runway.

The last MPI (Mandatory Periodic Inspection) prior to the accident was certified on 2 September 2005 at a total of 11 444.43 airframe hours. The total airframe hours at the time of the accident were 11 470.43 hours. The aircraft had thus flown a further 26.00 hours since the last MPI was certified.

Probable Cause

The pilot landed in too deep with a tailwind component, lost directional control during excessive braking, and the aircraft departed the runway.

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