

Cessna 180, G-AXZO

AAIB Bulletin No: 10/2003	Ref: EW/G2003/06/31	Category: 1.3
Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 180, G-AXZO	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental O-470-A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1954	
Date & Time (UTC):	20 June 2003 at 1130 hrs	
Location:	Roughay Farm Strip, Winchester, Hampshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Right landing gear detached	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	65 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	753 hours (of which 10 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 5 hours	
	Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

On late final approach to land on grass Runway 03 at Roughay Farm Strip near Winchester the aircraft struck electricity cables at about 25 feet above the ground. The landing was continued, but on touchdown the right landing gear collapsed and the aircraft veered off the runway to the right and came to a halt in the standing crop to the right of the runway. The pilot and his passenger vacated the aircraft, uninjured, through the normal exit.

The pilot had been advised of the wires just short of the threshold of Runway 03 by the air strip operator, and he therefore planned his approach to land well beyond the normal touchdown point. However, neither he nor his passenger saw the wires, which were of a greenish colour and blended into the background, until it was too late to avoid them.

Roughay Farm Strip is a private airfield at which prior permission to land is strictly required. Aeronautical information about the strip is not published. The air strip operator has taken steps to improve the visibility of the wires.