

AAIB Bulletin No: 9/93

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Beechcraft Baron BE 55 TC 2028, N7148R

No & Type of Engines: 2 Continental IO-470 piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 3 July 1993 at 1030 hrs

Location: Coal Aston airstrip, Derbyshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Propellers bent; fuselage underside skin rippled

Commander's Licence: FAA Private Pilot's Licence with Twin Rating and CAA
Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 639 hours (of which 240 hours were on type)
Last 90 days - 41 hours
Last 28 days - 19 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Whilst making an approach to land on runway 29 at Coal Aston, the pilot was distracted by one of his passengers who was very nervous and omitted to select the landing gear 'DOWN'. The ensuing wheels-up landing on the moist grass strip did not cause a fire and the occupants left the aircraft through the normal exit doors.