
ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pitts S1 Special, G-BXAU	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D2B piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1978	
Date & Time (UTC):	16 July 2008 at 1815 hrs	
Location:	Kemble Airfield, Gloucestershire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to landing gear, propeller, underside of fuselage and lower wing	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	55 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	462 hours (of which 40 were on type) Last 90 days - 18 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The aircraft was returning to Kemble following a short aerobatic flight. Following the landing on Runway 26, the lower left wing struck the runway and the aircraft ground-looped, coming to rest facing the direction of approach. The sole occupant was uninjured and exited the aircraft without difficulty. The wind had been calm

at takeoff and the pilot reported that, during the time the aircraft was airborne, the wind speed had increased to around 10 kt, from a direction around 40° off the runway heading, thereby increasing the crosswind component.