

No: 7/85

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Aircraft type and registration: Auster D4 G-ARLG (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1961

Date and time (GMT): 4 June 1985 at 1430 hrs

Location: Church Farm, Lower Beeding, Sussex

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Minor — broken right undercarriage leg, bent propeller tips

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 61 years

Commander's total flying experience: 681 hours (of which 112 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by pilot.

The aircraft was making an approach to a farm strip as an arriving thunderstorm brought sleet. On base leg the windsock indicated a headwind of about 5 kt. The aircraft floated before touching down firmly in a three point attitude. Towards the end of the landing run it veered to the right despite application of opposite rudder and brake.

The right undercarriage leg had collapsed inwards, the propeller tips were bent, and the engine later underwent a shock loading examination.

After the accident the windsock on the strip was indicating a southerly wind at 10-15 kt.