

Luscombe 8E, G-NIGE

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Luscombe 8E, G-NIGE
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental C85-12F piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1946
Date & Time (UTC):	28 May 1997 at 0815 hrs
Location:	Swansea Airport, Wales
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propeller; engine shock loaded
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	43 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	134 hours (of which 24 were on type) Last 90 days - 17 hours Last 28 days - 8 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The surface wind was 110°/15 kt with gusts to 25 kt. The pilot taxied to the holding point for Runway 10 where he called for departure clearance. He received no reply to several calls and so taxied back to the parking area from where he managed to establish radio contact. It was agreed that light signals would be given if radio contact was again lost and he taxied to the holding point where he stopped the aircraft on an approximate heading of 280°. Shortly afterwards the tail started to lift and before the pilot could correct the situation the aircraft pitched forward onto its nose; he immediately shut down the aircraft and vacated it without injury.