

Yak-50, G-BWYK, 18 October 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Yak-50, G-BWYK
No & Type of Engines:	1 Ivchenko Vedeneyev M-14P piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1981
Date & Time (UTC):	18 October 1997 at 1050 hrs
Location:	North Weald Airfield, Essex
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller broken and engine shock loaded. Oil cooler cowl damaged
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with Night Rating
Commander's Age:	37 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	635 hours (of which 2 were on type) Last 90 days - 50 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The flight was the pilot's fourth on type and he had planned to carry out some circuit work followed by some general handling. On his second circuit, there were several other powered aircraft and gliders doing both left and right hand circuits and the pilot was busy looking out for other traffic. To avoid some of this other traffic, he turned in early for his approach and acknowledged that he forgot to lower the landing gear.

The pilot commented that there are no gear warning systems on G-BWYK, although there is a gear selection handle and the associated two 'Green' lights.