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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Pitts Special, G-STYL

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1973

**Date and Time (UTC):** 19 June 1988 at 1430 hrs

**Location:** Shobden Airfield, Leominster, Herefordshire

**Type of Flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on Board:** Crew -1                      Passengers -None

**Injuries:** Crew -None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Major damage to the right lower wing and landing gear. The engine was shock-loaded and the propeller destroyed

**Commander's Licence** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 31 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 314 hours (of which 12 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a short flight, the pilot made an approach to runway 09. The wind at the time was easterly, 1-2 kts. The aircraft landed in a "three-point" attitude with the engine at idle power and the control stick fully aft. Initially the aircraft appeared to settle but after a second or two the nose slowly pitched up and the aircraft climbed to a height of 10-12 feet. The pilot noted that the airspeed was about 80 mph. He eased the control stick forward and waited for the aircraft to settle back onto the runway. The aircraft landed firmly on its main landing gear, at which point the right main landing gear failed. The aircraft skidded off the runway to the right, during which the left main landing gear failed.

The pilot was uninjured.