

Steen Skybolt, G-BIMN

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Steen Skybolt, G-BIMN

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming IO-360-C1B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1982

Date & Time (UTC): 25 August 1998 at 1500 hrs

Location: Spanhoe, Northants

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial to landing gear

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC Rating

Commander's Age: 51 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 791 hours (of which 39 were on type)
Last 90 days - 21 hours
Last 28 days - 12 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was landing on Runway 27 with a light southwesterly surface wind and good visibility. During the latter stages of the approach, the aircraft entered a high rate of descent which the pilot was unable to counter by the application of power. The aircraft landed heavily leading to the collapse of the landing gear.

The pilot considered that the cause of the accident was possibly due to windshear in the lee of trees bordering the landing area.