

Pitts S-1C modified, G-OWAZ

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pitts S-1C modified, G-OWAZ
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1967
Date & Time (UTC):	8 March 1997 at 1500 hrs
Location:	Sleap Aerodrome, Shrewsbury, Shrops
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to right main landing gear and wing; propeller tips bent
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings
Commander's Age:	35 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	3,000 hours (of which 65 were on type) Last 90 days - 25 hours Last 28 days - 11 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft landed on Runway 05 at Sleap Aerodrome; the weather was fine and the surface wind was 080°/6 kt. During the landing roll it ground looped through 90° to the left and the right main landing gear collapsed; the right wing tip and the propeller were damaged when they made contact with the runway surface. The pilot was wearing full upper torso restraint and escaped without injury.