

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cirrus SR22, N434A	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental IO-550-N	
Year of Manufacture:	2005	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 July 2008 at 1154 hrs	
Location:	Manchester/Barton Aerodrome	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Minor nicks to propeller and cracked wheel spat	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	61 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	790 hours (of which 280 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and subsequent AAIB enquiries	

Synopsis

The aircraft departed its base at Stapleford and flew uneventfully towards Barton. The weather was generally good with clear visibility although this was significantly reduced in the scattered thundery showers.

The pilot contacted the FISO on duty at Barton by radio and was informed that Runway 27L was in use. Grass Runway 27L is 621 metres long and was wet; a heavy shower of rain was passing over the aerodrome. As the aircraft turned onto the final approach, the visibility

deteriorated and the wind shifted, becoming a slight tail wind. The pilot lost sight of the far end of the runway in the poor visibility and touched down in the middle third of runway. Conscious of the risk of skidding on the "very wet" runway, he applied light braking. The aircraft ran off the end of the runway into a rough area of long grass. Both occupants vacated the aircraft without difficulty.

The pilot reported that, with the benefit of hindsight, a go-around would have been a safer course of action.