

Aircraft type and registration: Percival Proctor Series I G-AIWA (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1941

Date and time (GMT): 9 June 1984 at 1530 hrs

Location: La Ferte Alais 15 km south of Paris

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil, spectator — slight

Nature of damage: Serious damage to both wings, tail assembly, undercarriage and propeller tips

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's total flying experience: 234 hours (of which approximately 45 hours were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on runway 30 which is grass and 1000 m in length. The weather was fine with the wind coming from 330° at 5 to 8 kt.

After touchdown the right wing lifted and the pilot applied power to initiate a go-around. The aircraft became airborne with the right wing still high, and the aircraft heading towards spectator safety barriers positioned to the south west of the runway. The aircraft struck a barrier and continued over it, colliding with trees on the other side of the barrier. The impact with the trees swung the tail of the aircraft to the right so that the aircraft came to rest heading in the opposite direction. The occupants were uninjured, and there was no fire.

Upper torso restraint was not fitted, and a dispensation to the regulations was in force due to the unsuitability of the aircraft structure and fittings for its installation.

A spectator suffered a slight cut on the chest from aircraft debris.

The aircraft suffered severe damage to the wings, tail empennage, undercarriage and propeller, and has subsequently been declared beyond economic repair.