

Luscombe 8F, G-BSHI

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Luscombe 8F, G-BSHI

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental C90-12F piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1945

Date & Time (UTC): 6 January 2001 at 1605 hrs

Location: Weston Zoyland Airfield, Somerset

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Main landing gear collapsed, belly skins and front lower cowl damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 53 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 660 hours (of which 515 were on type)

Last 90 days - 4 hours

Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on Runway 28 at Weston Zoyland, Somerset with a surface wind of 270°/8 to 10 kt. The touchdown was uneventful, but as the aircraft slowed it became increasingly difficult for the pilot to keep straight. With full right rudder applied the aircraft continued to turn to the left. The aircraft departed from the paved surface to the left of the runway and struck a grass bank, causing the landing gear to collapse. The pilot and passenger exited the aircraft through the normal access door and were uninjured.

Subsequent examination of the aircraft revealed a deflated left mainwheel tyre.