

No: 8/92

Ref: EW/G92/06/13

Category: 1c

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Pitts S-2B Pitts Special, G-BPVP

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming AEIO-540-D4A5 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1982

**Date & Time (UTC):** 19 June 1992 at 1745 hrs

**Location:** Clacton Airfield, Essex

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to propeller, cowlings and lower wings

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night ratings

**Commander's Age:** 37 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 3,029 hours (of which 48 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 21 hours  
Last 28 days - 10 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On landing in the three point attitude, the aircraft swung immediately to the left despite a significant crosswind component from the right. The pilot applied full right rudder and full power but the aircraft continued to swing to the left. Before the applied rudder and power could take effect, the left lower wing contacted a fence post. The aircraft continued through the fence and some bushes without becoming airborne and came to rest in a shallow pond. Subsequent examination of the aircraft revealed that the left tyre was deflated. The pilot who has over 1,000 hours experience on tail wheel aircraft, stated that he had not previously experienced such a swing on landing and concluded that the tyre must have been deflated on landing.