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Aircraft Type and Registration: Slingsby T61F Venture T Mk 2, G -BUFN

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rollason RS Mk 2 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 21 April 1995 at 1344 hrs

Location: Goodwood Aerodrome, Sussex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Left outrigger detached; trailing edge and three ribs of the left wing cracked; underside of the rear fuselage and the mainwheel braking plate damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 236 hours (of which 177 were on type)
Last 90 days - 17 hours
Last 28 days - 8 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The wind at Goodwood was 080°/12 kt and strong thermals and turbulence had been reported to be present on the final approach to Runway 06. It was the rule of the aircraft ownership syndicate to make glide approaches for landings on grass surfaces and the pilot was complying with this instruction. At 100 feet over the runway threshold severe windshear was encountered and, despite retracting the airbrakes and lowering the nose to regain airspeed, he was unable to prevent the aircraft from dropping heavily onto the runway.