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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna 172F, G-BSOO  
**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental O-300-D piston engine  
**Year of Manufacture:** 1964  
**Date & Time (UTC):** 25 July 1992 at 1640 hrs  
**Location:** Langham Airfield, Norfolk  
**Type of Flight:** Private  
**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - None  
**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - N/A  
**Nature of Damage:** damage to empennage, left elevator and propeller  
**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence  
**Commander's Age:** 68 years  
**Commander's Flying Experience:** 1,984 hours (of which 225 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 22 hours  
Last 28 days - 2 hours  
**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was using grass runway 02 at Langham airfield; the surface wind was estimated to have been 280°/10 kt. At about 40 mph on the take-off run, the pilot's seat slid back on its rails. The aircraft ran off the runway, to the left, into a field of standing corn. The left main wheel dropped into a furrow which tilted the aircraft to the left as it came to rest. The pilot was uninjured and escaped through the left door.

New seat rails had been fitted in June 1991 and the pilot attributed the accident to his failure to ensure that the seat was positively locked in position.