

Luton LA4A Minor, G-BDJG

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Luton LA4A Minor, G-BDJG
No & Type of Engines:	1 Volkswagen 1835 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1982
Date & Time (UTC):	15 May 1997 at 1340 hrs
Location:	White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Broken propeller and crack in lower section of engine cowling
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	27 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	585 hours (of which 215 hours were on type) Last 90 days - 128 hours Last 28 days - 61 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

With a surface wind of 100_/17 kt, Runway 11 was in use. The pilot had taxied the aircraft to the runway holding point and carried out the pre-flight checks. He then turned the aircraft to face downwind so that he could check visually that the approach was clear prior to his takeoff. While the aircraft was stationary in this position, a gust of wind lifted the tail and caused the aircraft to roll over.