

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Scheibe SF25E Superfalke, G-FHAS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Limbach SL 1700-EA1 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1981	
Date & Time (UTC):	16 February 2008 at 1500 hrs	
Location:	Burn Airfield, North Yorkshire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to the leading edge 'D' box and trailing edge of the right wing	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	61 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	913 hours (of which 117 were on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The aircraft suffered slight damage whilst manoeuvring after landing.

Details

After the fourth training flight of the day, on this occasion accompanied by a glider pilot, the commander reported that a slightly longer than normal landing was carried out to maintain adequate separation from a glider winch vehicle. The pilot then released the spoilers and, having landed, applied power to carry out a left turn in order to backtrack. He was conscious of moving the aircraft to the right to allow enough room to manoeuvre. He then felt the main wheel go over a small pothole and he thought the right outrigger caught on something, causing

the aircraft to ground loop to the right. He cut the power before changing hands to apply the brakes (operated by full movement of the spoiler control). He then stopped the engine and the aircraft came to a halt at the edge of the runway, facing at 90 degrees to the landing direction.

The glider pilot left the aircraft and pushed it back before rejoining the commander who then backtracked to the launch point. Damage to the right wing only became evident when they both left the aircraft.

On subsequent investigation, it appeared that the right wing had struck a small bush on the right side of the runway.