

Luscombe 8F, G-AKTM, 21 September 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Luscombe 8F, G-AKTM
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental C90-12F piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1948
Date & Time (UTC):	21 September 1997 at 1410 hrs
Location:	Knocking Farm Strip, Oswestry, Shropshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - Serious - Passengers - Serious
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft destroyed
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	54 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	281 hours (of which 52 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - Nil
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was on final approach to Runway 09; the surface wind was 080°/5 kt and the visibility was good. The ground rises to the west of the airfield and a single cable 11kV power line crosses the approach approximately at right angles to it. The aircraft wheels struck the power line and it pitched forward and struck the ground a short distance ahead. Both occupants sustained serious injury.

It was estimated that the power line was about 600 metres from and about 30 metres above the touchdown point. Neither the pilot nor his passenger, also a pilot, saw the power line which blended into the background.