

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	CAP 10B, G-BKCX	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming AEIO-360-B2F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1982 (Serial no: 149)	
Date & Time (UTC):	16 March 2014 at 0701 hrs	
Location:	Private airstrip near Swansea	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Substantial damage to engine and cowlings, propeller, fuselage, canopy, tail and wings	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	51 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	642 hours (of which 538 were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and photographs of the accident site	

The aircraft was on final to land at a private grass airstrip when it encountered a flock of geese and suffered several bird strikes. There was severe engine vibration and evidence of other damage to the airframe. The pilot selected a field adjacent to the intended landing strip and carried out a forced landing. The aircraft landed tailwheel first, followed by the mainwheels, which rolled for a short distance before digging in to the soft surface. This caused the aircraft to pitch nose-down and invert.

The pilot considered that he avoided serious injury by the use of his five-point safety harness. He released it and escaped from the aircraft by breaking the canopy and pulling himself out. He telephoned the emergency services and was later taken to hospital with head and neck injuries.