

Taylor Monoplane, G-BEYW

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Taylor Monoplane, G-BEYW
No & Type of Engines:	1 Volkswagen 1834 cc piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1984
Date & Time (UTC):	4 July 1997 at 1745 hrs
Location:	Cranfield Airfield, Bedfordshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left and right gear legs bent
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	46 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	795 hours (of which 30 were on accident type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

At the end of a flight from Manchester (Barton) Airfield, the pilot was making an approach to Runway 04 at Cranfield. The surface wind was 290°/10 kt and the pilot noted that conditions were turbulent. After a normal approach, with the aircraft in the flare, the right wing suddenly dropped and the right gear contacted the runway surface; the pilot countered this event but in doing so the aircraft again became airborne. On final touchdown, G-BEYW veered to the right which the pilot was unable to control even with full left rudder and full left brake. The aircraft completed a ground loop to the right before coming to rest. In his report, the pilot acknowledged that the accident resulted from his poor handling of the aircraft at a late stage in the approach.