

Taylorcraft BC12-65, G-BPHP

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Taylorcraft BC12-65, G-BPHP
No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental A65-8F piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1941
Date & Time (UTC): 11 April 1999 at 0956 hrs
Location: Wellesbourne Mountford Airport, Warwickshire
Type of Flight: Private
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Propeller, nose section, tail fin and rudder
Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age: 64 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 193 hours (of which 187 were on type)
Last 90 days - 6 hours
Last 28 days - 3 hours
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Prior to landing on Runway 23 at Wellesbourne Mountford the pilot was passed the surface wind at the field of 270°/10. The aircraft made a normal approach and touchdown shortly after which the starboard wing lifted. Despite correcting for this the aircraft swung towards the left hand edge of the runway. The pilot applied the brakes and the aircraft nosed over onto its back.

ATC notified the aerodrome fire service of the accident who quickly attended the scene. The pilot released himself from his harness and exited the aircraft through the port door.

The pilot considered that the combination of wind direction following the swing to the left and braking caused the tail to lift, the nose of the aircraft to dig in and then turn over onto its back.