

No: 9/87

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Aircraft type and registration: Evans VP2 G-BGFC

No & Type of engines: 1 Volkswagen 1835 cc piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1985

Date and time (UTC): 19 July 1987 at 1600 hrs

Location: Thruxton Airfield, Andover, Hants

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Left main landing gear bent and stressed

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 2101 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The aircraft had recently been re-assembled after an annual inspection and was awaiting a flight test for the renewal of its Permit to Fly. Because the weather was unsuitable for a full flight test, the pilot reports that he decided to complete taxiing and power checks only. The aircraft was lined up on runway 26 at Thruxton aerodrome. This is a grass runway with a tarmac intersection. After the engine was run up to full power all indications were normal, and so the pilot released the brakes and observed the aircraft accelerating with the airspeed increasing above 20 knots. The throttle was then closed, however, as the aircraft commenced to cross the tarmac intersection it turned to the right and the pilot found that he had insufficient rudder authority to control the swing. As the aircraft came to a stop the left main landing gear buckled and bent inwards. The surface wind at the time was reported to be a light north-easterly at between 3 and 5 knots.