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Aircraft Type and Registration: Luscombe 8E, G-BRHX

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental C85-12F piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1947

Date & Time (UTC): 22 March 1991 at 1230 hrs

Location: Gloucestershire Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Minor skin damage to wing and fuselage, propeller bent and engine shock-loaded

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 53 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,324 hours (of which 3 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The wind was reported as 020°/15 kt and the runway in use was 04. Following a circuit and with slight drift to the right on the final approach, the pilot kicked off the drift and made the touchdown slightly across the runway centreline. This was in order to keep the effect of the crosswind to a minimum. The pilot states that he had stabilised the landing roll, with the aircraft sitting firmly on all three wheels, when his heel slipped off the left brake pedal. Despite full left rudder, the aircraft swung sharply to the right and came to rest on its nose facing at right angles to the runway.

There was no fire and the pilot's lap and diagonal harness withstood the nose-over impact.